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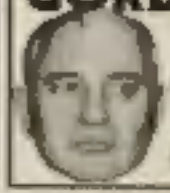

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Dead priest returns after 6 years in hell!

A priest who died in 1983 has come back to life after spending the past six years in hell!

"It was all a mistake. I never should have gone to hell and that's why I was allowed to return to the world of the living," Father Arturo Maglio told newsmen in Bari, Italy.

"My experience over the past six years is almost impossible to describe. But I never lost hope. I knew that I eventually would find my way back to Earth and later on to heaven."

The priest's mind-blowing story sounds like something out of a sci-fi movie but newspapers say that numerous witnesses and even the authorities are backing up his claims.

According to the press, records on file in Bari confirm that he was pronounced dead after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. And his parishioners and fellow priests vividly recall the day he was buried.

For his part, Father Maglio has given a horrifying account of his years in hell and a chilling portrait of the Devil himself.

"I knew something was terribly wrong when I died and felt that my soul, my being, was being pulled down rather than up," said the priest.

"Everything was black and frightening. I didn't have a body, but I felt like I was suffocating. After a long descent I began to hear the screams and cries of the damned.

"Suddenly I was in a great, cave-like room with walls of yellow fire. It was almost as if I could see faces in the flames.

"I tried to cry out for help but I couldn't make a sound. A presence, something of unimaginable evil, seemed to seep into the room.

"Nothing was said but I realized that this was Satan. An instant later I began to burn in the fire. I was totally conscious of my surroundings the whole time.

"All I could do was think about my life, all the things I had done. And all I could do was scream."

Father Maglio remained in that state for the next six years. The only thing that changed was his pain and suffering, which seemed to get worse as time went on.

"Then something happened," said the priest. "Suddenly my soul had stopped burning.

"A brilliant light seemed to shine on me right down from heaven. Then God's voice boomed, 'Two have no right in this case,' and I could feel Satan shrink away.

"The next thing I knew I was back here in Bari. And as you can see for yourself, I am alive and well."

Father Maglio would neither confirm nor deny reports that he is scheduled to discuss his trip to hell with Pope John Paul II.

FATHER Arturo Maglio

He was trapped with the screams of the damned in a fiery inferno . . . until God called him back

Church officials say Father Maglio told church leaders he wants to travel around the world discussing his experiences in hell, which he believes are the best proof ever presented that there really is an afterlife.

The amazing priest said he feels no bitterness about the mistake that sent him to hell.

He hopes to continue his church work until he is called up to heaven.

Meanwhile, government officials are trying to determine what to do with the death certificate of a man who is very much alive.

"I personally believe that what has happened to the priest is a miracle," said one official in Bari.

"All I have to do now is figure out how to convince my colleagues. Many of them won't believe what happened to this priest."

— BARRIN BRAND

Judge orders stinky inmates to shower

A judge immediately sensed that something about the case before him stank — so he sent the seven defendants back to jail for a shower!

A court officer in Muskogee, Okla., said at least one of the defendants hadn't had a bath since his arrest four months earlier.

Indian hunter accidentally shoots pal — then wants to die beside him!

A guilt-ridden Indian hunter stripped naked and lay down in the snow to die with a young companion he accidentally shot — because it was tribal custom.

Wounded Angelo Wakuna, 15, finally convinced his elderly buddy, David Sagaitchewuy, 68, to go for help instead of dying with him.

der Bay, Canada, when Sagaitchewuy saw movement in a bush and fired his rifle, hitting Angelo in the stomach.

Following native Indian tradition, the distraught Sagaitchewuy stripped and lay naked in the snow to die with his wounded friend.

At Angelo's urging, the aged Indian finally got help for the teen, who

SMASHED! 1787 vintage was once owned by Thomas Jefferson

OOPS! How do I say I'm sorry?

. . . asks man after he breaks $519G bottle of wine!

By JACK ALEXANDER

How do you tell someone you've just broken their cherished bottle of 1787 Chateau Margaux wine once owned by Thomas Jefferson — and worth a hefty $519,000?

"You do it very carefully, very apologetically," said New York City wine dealer Bill Sokolin, who accidentally smashed the bottle against a tray at a wine tasting party.

Sokolin said he was holding the expensive bottle with both hands when he "brushed against" a tray at the Four Seasons restaurant in New York City and experienced the worst, wet feeling of a bold million bucks running down his leg.

"I went to the table and told two people, 'I broke the bottle, and I'm going home.' And I went home," he said. "My first phone call was to Tim Littler in England."

Sokolin said he bought the historic bottle of wine on consignment from Whitehouse, a wine exporter in Manchester, England for $313,000. Littler is managing director of Whitehouse.

"Tim, I broke the bottle," Sokolin said Littler after a few seconds of chit-chat.

"It's gone."

"It's April 1 . . . this is an April's fool's joke," said Littler laughing.

"No, it's really gone. I accidentally brushed against a tray and it broke. I'm still in a state of compound shock," Sokolin told his friend.

"Are you covered for it?"

"I think so. I'm going to call the insurance company now," Sokolin said.

"Then I apologized and hung up.

"Tim is a man of unusually good character," Sokolin told The NEWS. "He's a laid-back Englishman, but I know he's got to be cheesing and heaving over this."

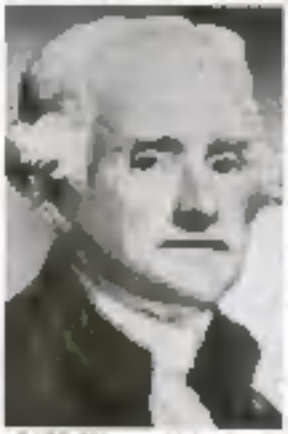
Sokolin said he still owes the $313,000 to Whitehouse, but insured the bottle for that amount. "The insurance company is very angry with me right now," he said.

Sotheby Sokolin said the smashed bottle of wine sold several years ago for $135,000. He said he recently turned down an offer to swap the wine for a $300,000 house in South Plains, N.J. He added that the bottle was still alive . . . and that might have been a low figure," he said.

"I don't know whatever possessed me to go back to my office, get the wine and take it to the restaurant," said Sokolin. "I just couldn't resist the temptation to show the bottle off.

"I did something terrible. I'm very unhappy. I am in shock. I feel like I committed murder."

SAD-EYED wine merchant Bill Sokolin with smashed bottle of 1787 Chateau Margaux.



RARE 203-year-old bottle of French wine was once owned by Thomas Jefferson.

Sicko makes obscene phone calls — to kids!

Officials have warned parents to be on the alert for a man who poses as a school psychologist and makes obscene phone calls to kids!

Martha Jones, security coordinator for the school system in Palm Beach County, Fla., said the man telephones the homes of schoolchildren and claims to be a psychologist conducting a survey for the schools.

Once he has the parent's confidence, he gets the child to the phone and the conversation turns sexual.

People who receive such calls have been advised to

OH, NO!

Rape victim's worst fear comes true!

By SUSAN JIMISON

In a desperate attempt to frighten away a rapist, a young woman told him she had AIDS, but the brute raped her anyway — because he already had the disease!

The woman was attacked when a knife wielding masked man broke into her basement apartment in the Notting Hill section of London, England.

In her testimony at her attacker's trial, the rape victim, an attorney, recalled her terror when she discovered a strange man lurking in her apartment. Since he was armed, the young woman knew she couldn't fight him off.

Instead, she tried to outwit him by telling him she had AIDS, little knowing how tragic her pathetic attempt to defend herself would turn out to be.

"I felt my AIDS story was working and had put him off, but he said he would take the risk," the young attorney recalled.

She described the horror of the rape — and an even greater horror that rose after the rape was over.

"Afterwards I told him, 'I really do have AIDS,'" she said.

"He replied: 'So have I.'"

Police later arrested Tony Maclean, 37, and charged him with three rapes, ten attempted rapes, four indecent assaults, a burglary with intent to rape, a burglary with intent to steal and with robbery.

All the crimes allegedly occurred between 1982 and 1988 when a fiend known as the Notting Hill Rapist prowled the streets.

Maclean denied his crimes, but police were convinced he was the Notting Hill Rapist. After a lengthy trial, a judge agreed, sentencing Maclean to life in prison.

Meanwhile, Maclean's admission to his victim that he carried the AIDS virus ruined the young lawyer's life.

Friends say she is convinced she now has AIDS.

"She lives in fear that any day she will come down with the symptoms of AIDS," said a friend who asked not to be identified.

"The rape was terrible enough, but she could have gotten over that.

"She thought AIDS was so terrible that not even a heartless rapist would risk it. How was she to know that he really had the disease — and would give it to her?"

Maclean was found guilty of all charges against him.

Lucky leaper hits car & lives after a 13-story plunge!

A man who jumped from the 13th-story balcony of an apartment building failed in his apparent suicide bid — because he landed on the sun roof of a parked car!

The unidentified 24-year-old lay sprawled in the car, writhing in agony for four hours before he was found by a passerby.

"If that car hadn't been there, he would be dead now," declared Mark Roberts, a police sergeant in the Lewisham district of London, England. "We would have been scraping him off the pavement."

The leaper was found sprawled across the front seats of the car.

He was taken to a London hospital where he underwent hours of surgery to repair multiple injuries that included a fractured arm and leg.

"He told us he had crawled inside the car and was waiting for a friend," Sgt. Roberts said. "Of course, we knew that wasn't right."

He said the man had been staying with a brother who lives in the building. It isn't yet known why the man jumped.

— DICK DONOVAN

SUICIDE try failed when a man leaped from the 13th-floor balcony and landed on a car (bottom arrow). Lower photo shows rescue crew beside car on which he landed.

Schoolboy cheat admits it — after 74 years!

Harry Swains admitted to school authorities that he cheated on an exam the year he won the top prize in his elementary school — way back in 1913!

Swains, now 87, had carried the guilty secret with him for 74 years and was glad to get it off his chest.

The Auckland, New Zealand, man returned his award with the help of his wife Dorothy, who wrote a letter to school authorities explaining his actions.

"He feels he was not right to accept the medal as he had some difficulty with mental arithmetic and received help from his next-mate," she said.

Swains is a former medical missionary who now suffers from Parkinson's disease. He said, "I have got to make things straight before I push off."

Trash can tragedy

A 6-month-old baby was distressed when she rolled out of bed — and fell into a waste-basket full of water.

Police in Philadelphia, Pa., said the wastebasket had been used to bathe little Ivette Rodriguez, but was empty when the baby fell into it.

She's pretty, petite and always gets her man — she's a top . . .

BOUNTY HUNTER!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Pistol-packing cutie pie Lynette Shaw roams sleazy, drug-infested streets day and night tracking down bail jumping bad guys — as a bounty hunter.

"It sure beats sitting in an office taking dictation," says tiny Lynette, who is only 5-foot-3 and weighs barely 100 pounds.

For most of her seven years on the job, Lynette, 25, has been the chief bounty hunter for Leonard Shaw Bail Bond Agency of Hackensack, N.J., owned by her dad.

"I started hanging around my dad's bondsmen when I was 13. It's in my blood," she said.

"I couldn't wait 'til I was 18 so I could be a bounty hunter."

And she's a good one. She bagged 211 bail jumpers last year and has nailed another 100 so far this year. She has saved her dad's agency millions of dollars.

"If someone posts $50,000 bail and skips rather than showing up in court, my dad's company has to fork over the $50,000 unless we catch 'em," she said. "So we catch 'em."

The tools of her dangerous trade are a sledgehammer and a 9-mm. pistol.

"I've never fired a shot, but I've used the hammer a lot to break down doors," said gutsy Lynette.

Her scariest moment came while clamping the cuffs on a crack cocaine dealer.

"He screamed and about a dozen guys came out of nowhere," said Lynette.

"They were pounding on the car as I got it outa there."

She nailed 211 bail jumpers last year & another 100 so far this year

With the help of paid informants, little Lynette has tracked down bail jumpers from coast to coast. "It's exciting. Every day is a different experience."

She has earned the support of two burly co-workers, 6-foot-3, 260-pound Andrew Douglas and 300-pound Phil Dale.

"To be a good bounty hunter you have to be part lawyer, part detective, part psychologist and part crazy," said Dale. "Lynette is all of the above."

Douglas said he loves to see the look on the jumps' faces when Lynette puts the cuffs on them. "She is tough and can take care of herself anywhere."

When the petite little brunette isn't hunting swindlers, she's dating her boyfriend, a cop, skydiving and spending time with her pet snakes.

"I'm successful at what I do because I adjust to different situations," she said.

"I can be nice when I need to and tough when I have to."

Lynette, who is paid a salary plus bonuses, said most cops cooperate with bounty hunters "because we have arrest warrants."

The brave little beauty insists she is fearless, even when tracking down a bail jumper convicted armed and dangerous.

"Those kind of guys are wimps or they wouldn't be running in the first place," she said. "You pack 'em into a

Con flees — to get shave and a haircut

A prisoner who escaped from a courthouse was caught when he stopped off for a shave and a haircut at a barber shop — two blocks away!

Cathy Brooks said the escapee jumped into her barbershop and asked for a double-quick haircut and shave.

The woman said she called police

We still have to pay our taxes — even if we get nuked!

If you think you won't have to pay your taxes in the event of nuclear war — think again. The Internal Revenue Service has released a plan to start collecting taxes within 30 days after a nuke attack on America.

IRS' new plan: If war comes, tax man won't be far behind

Incredibly, the old saying — the only thing certain is death and taxes — has become doubly true. With the new IRS plan, even death and devastation won't stop the tax rake.

According to the amazing IRS plan printed under the heading of "National Emergency Operations" in the new IRS manual, IRS tax collectors will hit the wasteland that was once America and defy fallout to collect taxes for Uncle Sam.

Forget the fact that food has to be scavenged from the shells of grocery stores, that shelter must be made in half-destroyed buildings, the tax man will come knocking at the door. "Hey, you'll think they'd give us a break," sighed one taxpayer who was told of the emergency plan.

"Imagine being the only person in a small town who survives the bomb. You go for weeks looking for signs of life and all you find are rats and roaches feasting on corpses. Finally in the distance you see a lone figure coming toward you. You start screaming and yelling with joy and run toward him. When you get there, the first thing the guy says is, 'John Smith. You owe $3,356 in taxes. Pay up or else.'"

But don't think the IRS has a heart of stone. Tax bigwigs plan to give folks who owe back taxes a break — in areas where the A-bombs have done their worst.

"On the premise that the collection of delinquent accounts would be most adversely affected, and in many cases would be impossible in a disaster area, the service will concentrate on the collection of current taxes," says the IRS emergency plan.

"However, in areas where the targeting potential is substantially unimpaired, uninterrupted collection of delinquent accounts will be continued."

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Ex-husband sues to get back 18 years of alimony!

DIVORCED Michael Cohen sits beside a stack of receipts for alimony payments he has paid his ex-wife over 18 years.

By JACK ALEXANDER

Michael Cohen was miffed when he learned his ex-wife had remarried twice since their divorce 18 years ago — because he had been paying her alimony all that time.

"I think she's a pretty terrible person," said Cohen, a Staten Island, N.Y., transit officer. "She made a fool out of me."

Cohen, 46, and his wife, Arlene, signed the alimony pact after their three-year marriage ended in 1971.

"He agreed in the divorce settlement to pay her $35 a week alimony and $20 a week in child support for their little girl," said Cohen's lawyer, Sidney Siller.

"But of the remarried, the alimony stopped."

Three months after their divorce, Arlene remarried without telling her ex-hubby, according to a suit filed by Cohen, who is trying to get $9,000 of his alimony payments back. That marriage was annulled but Cohen's ex-mate got married again in 1980 to her current husband, Stanley Dubsen, the suit said. And she continued to cash the alimony checks, according to Siller.

Cohen claims he discovered his former wife's two trips to the altar early this year while researching the whereabouts of their daughter, Daniela, who he hadn't seen since she was a year old.

"He kept up his payments week after week, year after year, because he wanted to be fair to her," said Siller.

Ex-wife rewed twice — and didn't tell him

Folding bed snaps shut & kills boy

A little boy died tragically when his fold-out bed snapped shut on him in the middle of the night.

Tiny Christian Lavarda, 4, of Milan, Italy, suffocated between his bed and the wall while his parents slept nearby, police said. The boy's mother said she didn't hear the bed spring shut and awoke the next morning to find her son dead.

I'm pickled, not drunk, driver tells judge

A Polish immigrant arrested for drunk driving swore the odor cops smelled on his breath wasn't booze — it was pickle juice.

Zbigniew Krawiec, 30, told a judge in Spokane, Wash., that drinking pickle juice is a Polish tradition.

The defendant said he loves to guzzle it straight from the jar.

But Krawiec failed to convince the court.

The judge brushed aside the pickle juice defense and convicted Krawiec of drunk driving after a state trooper testified the motorist failed a roadside sobriety test and refused to take a Breathalyzer test.

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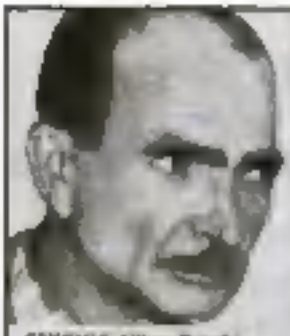

PSYCHIC Nikas Benaki

Incredible psychic pops popcorn with his mind

By HOLLIE GRIFFIN

A Greek psychic can pop popcorn with the power of his mind alone!

That's the claim of psychic researcher George Barkas, who has seen 28-year-old Nikas Benaki pop bag after bag of microwave popcorn that he holds in his hands.

"Benaki is astounding," Dr. Barkas, director of the prestigious Psychic Research Institute, told newsmen in Kavos, Greece.

"When he concentrates on popping popcorn you can actually feel his psychic energy filling the room. Within seconds the popcorn in his hands begins to pop.

"And just like popcorn out of a microwave, it's piping hot."

Benaki didn't always have such incredible powers. In fact, until six months ago, he thought all psychics were fakes and charlatans and didn't mind saying so.

All that changed when he fell off a ladder and hit his head. When he recovered he found that he knew what people were going to say before they said it.

Benaki could also foresee things that were going to happen to him several days in advance.

"I was shocked and afraid," said Benaki. "At first I didn't want to tell anybody. But as time went on I knew I had to talk to someone.

"So I went to the psychic institute for help."

After a series of tests, Dr. Barkas confirmed that Benaki has "extraordinary psychic ability and shows extra-ordinary perception."

"But nothing, not even the results of these tests, could have prepared me for the feat I was going to witness next," continued the expert.

"On a bench, my assistant went to the canteen here at the research center and got two bags of unpopped microwave popcorn.

"He asked Benaki to pop them with his mind. And Benaki did. It was as if the psychic energy from his mind burned just like microwaves in an oven.

"They hit the popcorn, generated great heat and made the unpopped corn kernels pop."

Since then Benaki has popped hundreds of bags of popcorn but Dr. Barkas has even bigger plans for the mind-popping psychic.

"If he can fine tune his powers there is no reason to think that he won't be able to accomplish much greater things," said the expert.

"He might even be able to heal the sick just by thinking about a cure."

While continuing to study Nikas Benaki, Dr. Barkas has assigned a security team to guard him day and night.

"We don't want anything to happen to this man," the researcher said.

. . . and it's piping hot!

Man's stomach explodes during surgery!

By ALAN PETERS

A lifelong vegetarian, whose daily diet consisted mainly of cabbage and beans, was in critical condition after his stomach exploded during a treatment for severe gas pains!

The near fatal blast blew a gaping hole in the stomach of 43-year-old Karl Mitterer as he underwent exploratory surgery in Bamberg, West Germany.

Dr. Otto Stamer said the tragedy occurred when hydrogen and methane gas in the patient's stomach was ignited by a surgical instrument that uses electrical current to heat tissue.

"The high concentration of combustible gases within the patient's stomach exploded during surgery," said Dr. Stamer, chief of medical services at Hagnitz Hospital. The force of the explosion ripped a five-inch hole in Mitterer's stomach. Surgeons repaired the damage and moved Mitterer into the hospital's surgical intensive care unit where he was listed in critical, but stable condition.

According to Dr. Stamer, Mitterer was admitted to the hospital a day earlier suffering from severe abdominal pain. When medication failed to relieve the pain, doctors scheduled him for exploratory surgery to find out whether an intestinal blockage was causing the problem.

Twenty minutes into the operation Mitterer's stomach exploded.

"It is clear that there was no intestinal blockage and that the patient was merely suffering from gas pains brought on by his vegetarian diet," Dr. Stamer said. Mitterer, an auto mechanic, is expected to fully recover.

Bad timing

A heated radiator burn suit melted bride Yolanda Rodriguez and her hubby Juan temporarily stranded on the highway just hours after their wedding. The retired newlyweds had been married in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and were headed for a reception in Fresno, Calif., with members of the wedding party when their truck broke down. Fortunately, the best man was able to patch things up and get

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How To Save Money On Hospital Bills

When you check into a hospital, here's how to make it guaranteed that you want your charges to come as close to your total insurance coverage as possible. [See page 6.]

From The American Hospital Association—a 12-point Patient's Bill of Rights." Page 6.

In surgery scheduled? Many hospitals will NOT charge you for the blood you use if you follow the simple method on page 7.

How to save huge amounts on x-rays. Page 7. The two rules of saving big money on hospital rooms. Page 7.

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How To Avoid Unnecessary Surgery

"... reduce operations by as much as 20 to 60 percent." Page 10.

"Look out for a doctor or surgeon who [see page 10]. Drop a doctor or surgeon who [see same page]."

"A doctor that [see page 11] may open himself to a malpractice suit."

"Under [see page 11], if your income is under certain specified amounts, the surgeon must accept the fee scheduled in your policy in full payment."

How To Save Money On Dental Bills And Drugs

Free and low-cost dental care. Page 13.

How to save money on orthodontistry for children—page 13.

How to save big money on drugs. "Whenever your doctor is writing a prescription for you, ask him to check the drugstore to [see page 14]. This may save you money by allowing you to use left-over portions of some prescription drugs for a similar disorder or a concoction or return of the same disorder."

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How to save money on nursing home care. "Any senior citizen who [see page 18] is eligible for nursing home care after a hospital stay."

How to handle emergency medical bills—page 24. "We do NOT recommend putting yourself in debt."

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Today's smart gals make sure their fellas feel

HOW TO CATCH A MAN... ACT DUMB!

By SUSAN JENSEN

If you want to snare a husband, you'd better wise up and act dumb, according to a number of new books designed to help women find romance in the 80s.

The marriage-minded single woman should leave feminism behind and start making that man in her life feel he is stronger, smarter, wittier and more sophisticated than she is, the helpful new books say.

A woman who insists on remaining liberated may find she's a lonely at best if she doesn't change her ways, they say.

"A man needs to feel special in order to be happy and he looks to a woman to tell him that he is special," advises Margaret Kent, author of the bestselling How to Marry the Man of Your Choice (Warner Books Inc., $14.95).

Miss Kent, like the writers of a host of new wonder books, targets single women in their 30s who are panicking at the thought they'll never marry.

Among the key tips from the experts:

● Make yourself more appealing by being vulnerable. Let the guy be tough — you be giggly, emotional, adoring.

● Wait for sex. Don't pass Go or feel right away. Play hard to get for a while until you get him to commit himself to you.

● Flirt. Let a guy know with your body language, gestures and comments that you're welcome his attentions. If you don't flirt, he won't make a move.

● Don't express your opinions — listen to him. He's the member in your relationship.

● Listen to him. Ask him the information on what he likes and dislikes. Let him know everything he thinks and feels is fascinating to you.

● Don't make yourself too available. Make sure you're "busy" a few nights a week. Stay home and watch TV or go out with friends — but don't let him think your world revolves around him.

● Be feminine. A little lace or a revealing dress will attract him far more than your career triumphs. The woman driven to succeed in the 80s doesn't compete with men anymore.

● Be mysterious. Let him imagine what a great gal you are. Don't tell him everything you're thinking and feeling.

● Let him dominate. Learn to say, "Whatever you think is best," and "It's up to you, honey."

You have a much better chance of making that longed-for trip down the aisle if you don't insist on living in the career woman's world.

Play hard to get until he makes a commitment

Beer drinker races train to the liquor store — and loses

Bachelor Jose Soto had just 15 minutes to buy beer before the liquor store closed — but he died trying to beat a freight train across an intersection.

The 31-year-old Reston man's system was flattened as he tore across a rail crossing just as a 17-car train arrived there. Soto died instantly.

"I said, 'Stop, the train is coming,' but he didn't listen and then we hit the train," recalled Soto's friend Manuel Ortega.

Police said Soto had been drinking when he ignored a flashing warning light and was on his way to the store for more beer.

"He was a block from the package store when the train hit and would have had the stock for a few minutes if he had

Rock 'n' roll shocker:

JOHN LENNON'S PARROT CUTS NEW BEATLES ALBUM!

Pet: John Lennon's pet parrot Pepper really knew how to sing a slew of new songs never written down by the late rock genius!

A parrot that reportedly once belonged to the late, great John Lennon is busy squawking out 20 "unknown" hits composed by the famed ex-Beatle for a sensational new album.

That's the incredible claim of New Zealand businessman Basil Rathers, who claims to have bought the bird called Pepper for a whopping $300,000.

According to Basil, Pepper — named after the famed *Sergeant Pepper* album — not only squawks known Beatles hits like *Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds* and *Help*, but also knows 20 Lennon songs never heard before.

Pet owner claims brainy bird memorized 20 'lost' songs of music superstar

"I've employed a composer to write them down," says Basil, "in sheet music form. Then I'll have an orchestra to record them.

"The album, to be called *The Lost Works of John Lennon*, will make me a rich man." Despite the amazing store of knowledge Pepper has sailed away. Basil is willing to part with the bird for $450,000.

Basil says Pepper lived with Lennon at Tittenburst Park in England in the late 1960s. Lennon gave the bird to an Australian poet in 1971. The poet later auctioned the bird off to Basil.

But why is Basil willing to sell off this precious polly?

"I'm not greedy," he says, "and I'm prepared to pass on my good fortune."

Anyone looking for a bird brain? — London People

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NBC's high-priced talking head Tom

Miffed Donald Trump in feud with super rich lady

Donald Trump

Leona Helmsley

Billionaire publicity hound Donald Trump's involved in a new feud — this time with billionairess Leona Helmsley. Leona is currently charged with tax evasion and extortion along with hubby Harry for allegedly taking business tax deductions for building a mini swimming pool at their mansion.

In a scathing letter to Leona Donald wrote:

"When God created Leona, she wasn't screwed on straight. Without the evil of Harry Helmsley, she would be a pauper. I'm ready, put me side by side with Leona and above people in order to make yourself happy.

"I have watched as you have allegedly destroyed my friend, and a wonderful and respected man, Harry Helmsley."

Why a Donald so much? Seems Leona owned a piece of property in Atlantic City that she leased for 198 years to the Resorts company. When Donald bought the surrounding land owned by Resorts from them, he requested the lease of the small plot to be transferred to him. But Leona refused.

Sounds like sour grapes. — New York Post

Sharp gal

Busty cutie Dian Parkinson keeps her critters sharp with weekly fencing matches

Brokaw said a mouthful at a speech he gave to an L.A. audience when he blasted Pres George Bush for failing as yet to give the country rousing leadership.

In fact, Tommy says the country is adrift.

"The first thing the President ought to be saying is that this is a nation of enormous resources and we are not adrift — in fact, we have a plan course," said Trudeau.

"But he's not sharing that sense of vision with us at the moment. And therefore ... there is a growing feeling that indeed we are adrift."

Kind of like an Exxon oil tanker, huh? — Los Angeles Herald Examiner

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The feud between rock queen Madonna and would-be queen La Toya Jackson hasn't cooled. La Toya is still fuming over Madonna's crack that her

Frank Sinatra blasts critic for slamming pal's pasta

books look like they were made in a plastic surgeon's office.

Besides blasting Madonna as a "no talent," Michael's ex says, "She slept with everybody on the way up. That's how she made it to the top."

Ma-aurds! — New York Post

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Super duper star Tom Cruise isn't

NEWS bit in The Bulletin

exciting here and losing it when it comes to outrageous clothes almost both in those tacky English tabloids.

Tom's PR person Andrea Jaffe says Tom may slap the papers with lawsuits for reporting that he is undergoing radiation therapy for "breast cancer."

"Those stories are totally untrue and they have outrageously gone against his mother who never talked to anybody," says Andrea.

"Tom only had a bad case of the flu," says Andrea. "He's feeling fine now." — Winnipeg Free Press

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Lawyer Jay Flash Slaughter rushed to the defense of his good buddy Joey Imagine quite, owner of Patsy's Restaurant, after New York Times food critic Bryan Miller savaged the food there in a review.

Frank wrote a letter for Joey to get in ads saying: "I've been eating Italian food since I was old enough to hold a fork. I have had all types of Italian food.

"All I can say about Mr. Miller's review of Patsy's is he's nuts!" nuts!"

Atta boy, Frank. — New York Daily News

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Crooks have no respect for rich folks. Super rich Baroness Denise Thyssen, the fourth ex-wife of incredibly rich Baron Heinz von Thyssen, got her handbag stolen in a posh Swiss hotel and minutes later it was gone.

Inside the bag was reportedly $40,000 worth of cash and gems.

"All the poor woman had left was a $20 bill and a first-class ticket back to Monaco," said a witness.

At least she didn't have to fly steerage. — New York Post

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Cher's ex, Sonny Bono, got blasted when he ran for mayor of Palm Springs by folks who claimed he was doing it just for the publicity. But the feisty Sonny has won over detractors since his election.

"My earlier views changed because he is working so hard," said a local businesswoman who praised Sonny for succeeding in his campaign to put the sunny city on the map as a resort.

"People from all over the world came here talking about Palm Springs

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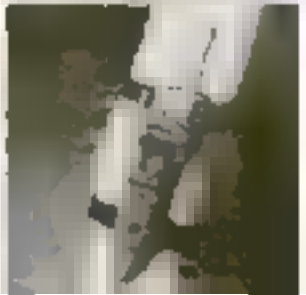

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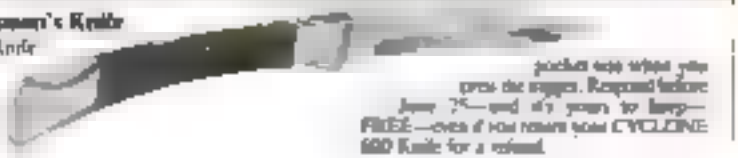

She found herself down the barrel of a gun

Noisy lovers raise such a ruckus — riot squad shows up!

By JOE BERGER

Two squabbling lovers raised such a ruckus at a quiet country hotel that heavily armed riot police stormed their room — thinking a gang of deadly terrorists was holed up inside!

But instead of bomb-toting revolutionaries, shocked cops found only mystified mum Maureen Edwards, wearing nothing but a silk kimono and a look of total bewilderment.

Her hunting beau, whose name was not released, was no elephant by the sight of flak-jacketed cops at the door that he ran for the hills and had to be chased down.

"It all started when my boyfriend and I got into a big fight," embarrassed Maureen, 48, told reporters in Fareham, England. "We slapped each other and did a lot of screaming. I was very angry.

"I only met him on Christmas Day, but he wants to get married and start up a catering business. I think it's ridiculous.

"He used to be a medic in the Army and served in Northern Ireland, and I was saying he should go back to that and not become a chef."

During the battle royal, Maureen's beau brought up the bombings and broken bodies he'd faced in Northern Ireland, and nosy neighbors overheard him.

The folks in the next room mistook his words for terrorist talk and placed a panicky call to police. Cops initiated a full-scale terrorist alert — sealing off the town center, evacuating nearby buildings and calling in an Army bomb squad.

Police block off the area because they thought it was a gang of terrorists

THE QUIET little town was shocked when cops cordoned off the whole area around the hotel.

Suddenly, portly Maureen heard a loud knock at the door and someone demanded that she come out with her hands high. "There was a plainclothes policeman outside pointing a gun at me," she recalled.

"Another one was on the stairs and there was one on the bathroom.

"I let them in and they said, 'We think you have a bomb or arms in your room.' I said I didn't know what they were talking about."

The dumbfounded divorcee was shuttled off to the police station as cops ripped up the floor of her room and sniffer dogs searched in vain for explosives.

Eventually, the lovers were released and dozens of onlookers and police involved in the terrorist alert breathed a sigh of relief.

"The poor chambermaid must have terrible nightmares about it," drawled Maureen. "But we were acting on information supplied in good faith and we treated it as we would any other major terrorist threat."

RED-FACED Maureen Edwards said it was just a lovers' tiff.

Docking for the filthy rich — $2 million

Filthy rich folks will soon have a high-priced place to park their super luxury yachts — at $600,000 to $2 million per space.

"This is not something that people without considerable funds are going to be able to afford," said John Green, vice president of Bellport Development Corp., which is behind the project. A "condominium" of 36 watery parking spaces is being developed in New York City's North Cove Yacht Harbor in a cove off the Hudson River.

"This is a harbor for mega-yachts, not a marina," said Gerrie.

Call of nature lands her in jail

An irate judge ordered a woman thrown in jail after she stopped at a rest room and arrived 10 minutes late for her court appearance.

Karen McCutchen showed up late for a hearing before Philadelphia Judge Edward Sokal in connection with a robbery but wasted up behind bars when he revoked her $10,000 bail, ordered her dragged off to the lockup.

Kids make up stories to get mom arrested

Shocking charges that a mother forced her young son and daughter to work the streets as prostitutes were suddenly dropped — when the kids admitted to authorities that they'd made the whole thing up!

Prosecutors dismissed the charges of sexual molestation, furnishing drugs to minors and pandering against the 33-year-old mom, Katherine Ann Hulbert, after her children admitted lying in affidavits.

Investigators in Richmond, Calif., said the woman's 9-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter claimed they were plied with liquor and drugs before being forced to work as prostitutes.

The children's grandmother, Glenda Phillips, 49, was also arrested when the children told authorities that she helped force them into prostitution. When the children admitted lying, they said they'd made up the story because they felt their mother had been neglecting them.

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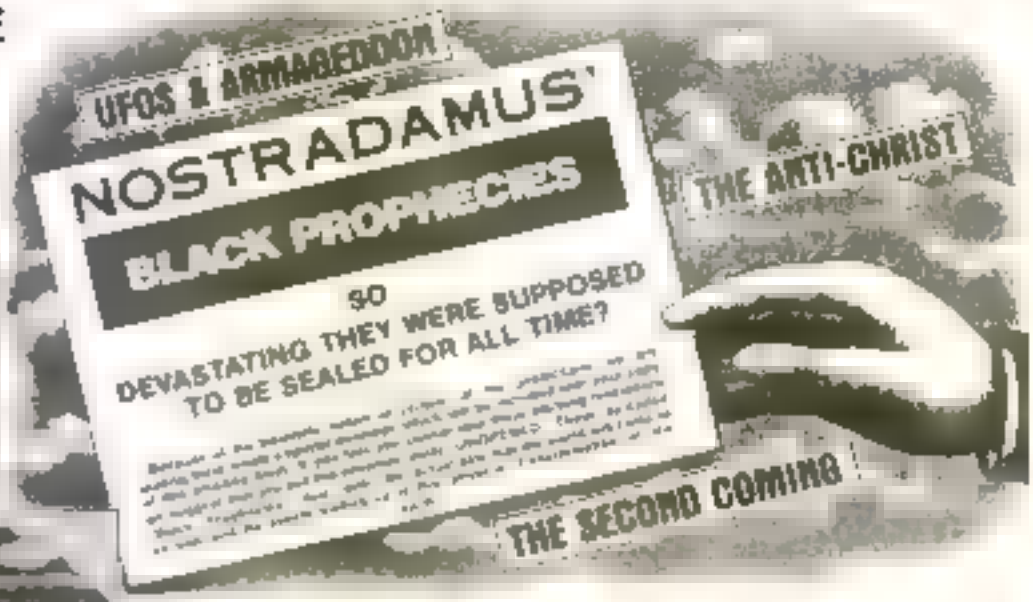


WAS HE A WIZARD? A SERVANT OF GOD? A SUPER PSYCHIC? A DEVIL WORSHIPPER? OR A BEING FROM ANOTHER PLANET

HIS PREDICTIONS [illegible] 100% ACCURATE

Nostradamus is credited with being the greatest prophet of modern times. Even his severest critics are considered to be highly accurate. Nostradamus in the 16th century, predicted such World shaking events as Hitler's appearance, and accurately as well as the assassination of both Kennedys.

The man stunned the world of the 16th century with his visions of [illegible] flights, and about the rise and fall of Russia. In one of his most amazing predictions he revealed how man would be taken apart by a computer. Besides writing the following in rhymed couplets: "Revolution" [illegible] your will and your People [illegible] Religious persecution will [illegible] the monarch (the Shah) [illegible] the cash will [illegible] in Qazi (Religious) [illegible] Everybody knows that the dictator Khomeini started his revolution when exiled in France.

For the future, Nostradamus predicts that there will be war in the Middle East in the next few years during which the Big powers will jeopardize the [illegible] of the existing of the new Christ and how the U.S. and Russia will annihilate Across North Iran a total period. He also speaks of a "religious war" and the Vatican's losing its role as the People by a male pope.

But perhaps more astonishing of all is the fact that Nostradamus saw his own death in 1566 as well as help with the famous arrangement.

THE MOST MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO EVER LIVED

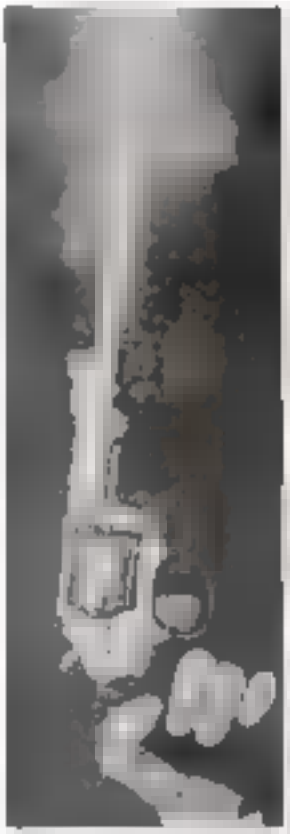
Legend has it that [illegible] actually was [illegible] by several nights before the birth of Nostradamus. Reports of bright, round objects in the sky over St. Remy de Nostradamus both lived and were [illegible] persecutions not assumed role a person Jews in the 16th Century. [illegible] Italians were abroad professed of the [illegible] eye was very high.

His first [illegible] brilliant. His [illegible] many young [illegible] several languages and answered [illegible] he became a [illegible] physician at 19. His [illegible] young people [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] with a strange [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] throughout Europe as a [illegible]

In his day, Nostradamus made friends with kings and queens who were impressed by his ability to see into the future. Anyone asked he had seen as he is no answers as anyone were they or knew when the [illegible] a place for them. Many were disappointed at [illegible] [illegible] and an advance about [illegible] [illegible] and the [illegible] that interested young [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

THE SECOND COMING & THE ANTI-CHRIST

Though Nostradamus [illegible] [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible] he studied the stars at a [illegible] [illegible] way. He used a special device [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]



He pointed the gun toward the sky and started shooting.

There wasn't a cloud in the sky as . . .

Man goes gunning for God — & gets zapped by lightning!

A 28-year-old man was struck and killed by lightning when he went gunning for God with a .45!

By RICO HEYZ

"Coincidence? Whatever!" Police Chief Carlos Marcos said yesterday at the scene of the incident in Amaranta, Brazil.

"The man told his friends that he was angry with God and was going to kill Him with the gun. But the lightning got him before he killed anyone. And there wasn't even a cloud in the sky at the time."

The mind-boggling drama reportedly unfolded when Pedro Rodrigues, who recently lost his job and his wife, got drunk and decided that he was going "to make God pay" for his misfortunes.

According to witnesses, Rodrigues then produced an old revolver and started shooting at the sky.

He was screaming and yelling that he was going to "get God and kill Him," said Alfredo Frias Alvarez, who has known Rodrigues since childhood.

"I told him he was drunk. I told him to go home and sleep it off. But he just responded by cursing God and ran into a nearby field. He was daring God to show His face.

"He was firing at the sky when a big bolt of lightning crackled down from the sky. It zapped Pedro dead."

Inspector Marcos confirmed that Rodrigues was burned beyond recognition by the freak lightning strike. The bolt was so powerful, he added, that it melted the barrel of the man's gun.

"It's a very eerie thing," continued the cop. "And a religious man. I'm not about to say that God struck him dead.

"But just about everybody else is convinced He did."

Father Juarez da Silva, who conducted the Rodrigues funeral, confirmed that the Vatican has been told about the incident.

"I prayed for the soul of Mr. Rodrigues just as I would for any other man," said the priest.

"I have nothing else to say about it."

Honeymoon starts at the hospital

. . . where docs pry HER ring off HIS finger

By JACK ALEXANDER

Emergen

Two doctors in Brooklyn put their heads together while they and a hospital attendant worked to free the ring from the finger of the groom.

Arman and Caroline Dumas got their rings mixed up during the wedding ceremony in Zion's Church.

When Arman put the ring on his finger, it slipped over the knuckle but would go no further. Carefully he slipped the ring off his finger and pushed his hand through the hole.

Though the ring was a size and a half too small, the elderly pastor performed the ceremony with his fingers as they remained wedding rings.

When the finger began to swell later on the honeymoon, Arman couldn't remove the ring. The newlyweds went to the hospital emergency room.

"The staff were all quite amused," Arman said. "We walked in with all the flowers and my wife still in her wedding dress."

Nurses tugged at the ring until they pulled it off. "My finger is a little swollen, but at least they didn't have to

Escapee gives up so his tombstone will be correct

A 61-year-old convict on the lam for 35 years after escaping in 1961 turned himself in because he wanted to be buried under his own name.

"When I die, I want my own name on my tombstone," Sylvan Carter told Columbus, Ohio, authorities after turning himself in.

Carter had been a fugitive since escaping in 1961 from an Ohio prison honor farm. He was serving a one to five year sentence on conviction of possession of a burglary tool, a crowbar.

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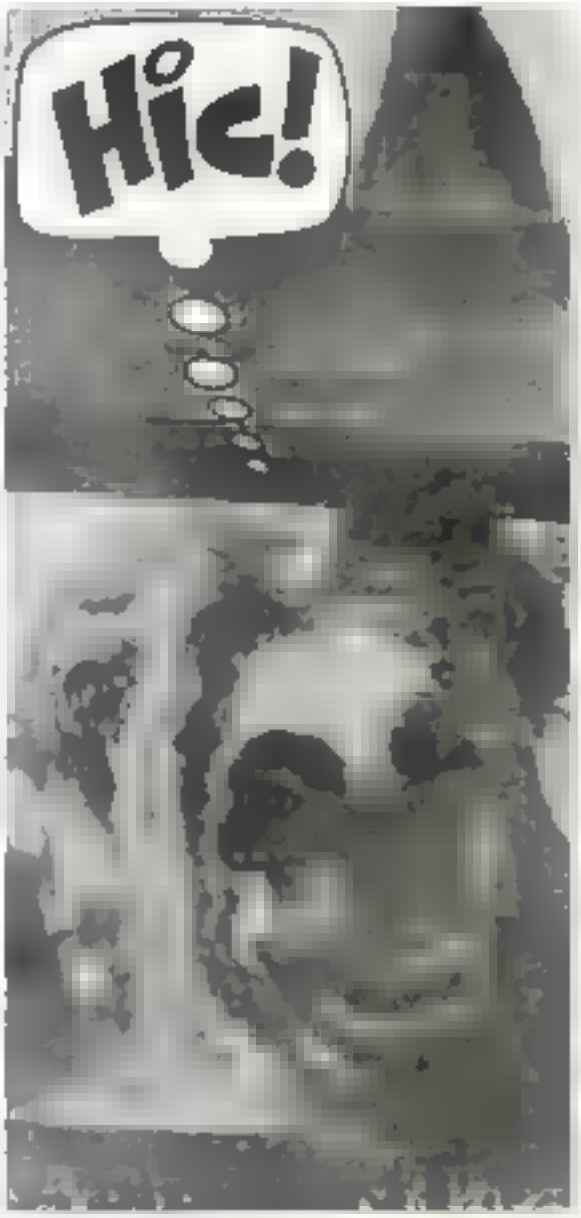

FIRE-EYED PANCHO was put out to pasture to sober off

Boozin' burro ordered to go on the wagon

By JOE SIEGEL

Vet says donkey was drinking 30 quarts of beer a day — & making an ass of himself!

A boozy burro named Pancho has been hanging out at his favorite pub for the past 15 years, bobsledding with customers — and chugging a staggering 30 quarts of beer a day!

[illegible] vet says all the beer is [illegible] Pancho's liver and he has to stay home," said [illegible] owner Antonio Ortega.

"We're going to make sure [illegible] gets [illegible]

"One of the men gave him a [illegible] beer as a joke and Pancho drank it right down. He started [illegible]

The next thing we knew [illegible] was braying and begging for more — and he wouldn't shut up until we gave it to him.

He kept drinking until he got so drunk he staggered into a corral and passed out.

And ever since, pickled Pancho has been the star attraction of the tavern's weekly [illegible] drawing customers from far and near.

And on payday [illegible] ing the games of the past night to [illegible] a total [illegible] of [illegible] a day. "Everybody comes to the bar to buy [illegible] the beer and watch him get drunk," said bartender Antonio [illegible]

"He loves to stagger up and down the bar begging for beer. And someone always buys him one.

"I guess he likes to [illegible] the drinks if the customers didn't [illegible] I never have to worry about that. Sometimes they fight over who gets to pour [illegible] his mug.

"The other day a cowboy [illegible] on there a couple [illegible] to get up [illegible] on.

"He's really [illegible] the business."

Now though, the chugging burro is being banned from the bar and put out to pasture. But he's not going to become a total teetotaler yet.

"He'll get 10 quarts of beer a day for a while because the vet says bad matter with-drawal if we made him stop altogether," Antonio said.

"But he can't come to the bar because he'd overdo it there.

"When Pancho walks around pleading for beer, with those big brown eyes of his looking so sad, there's nobody who can turn him down."

Thug burns palms off palm reader in sadistic fire and acid attack

By JACK ALEXANDER

A sadistic slicko, looking for money, invaded the home of a palm reader and when she didn't have enough cash to suit him — he burned the palms off her hands.

Madame Crystal, 50, begged and screamed for mercy as the merciless maniac held her hands over a gas flame and doused them with acid.

"It's almost beyond belief that one human being could do that to another human being," said Police Detective Inspector Colin Wright. "We want this guy in the worst way."

Madame Crystal, whose real name is Lena Howard, was relaxing in her London, Ontario, home when the heartless robber and two henchmen barged in.

The weirdo laughed as he held the terrified woman's hands over the gas flame until [illegible] and [illegible] her palms [illegible] Inspector Wright.

But the ghoulish thug wanted more. He forced the terrified woman's sister and daughter to watch as he poured acid on her hands.

"Her mutilated hands were actually smoking," said Inspector Wright. "She screamed in relish running her pain."

After beating the victim's mother and daughter, the ruthless robbers cut the phone wires and started to leave. But Madame Crystal's horrifying ordeal wasn't over.

The heartless gang leader grabbed her hands in one final attempt to get more money — and soaked them again with acid.

"Madame Crystal will definitely need skin grafts to repair the damage," said Inspector Wright. "That monster destroyed the palms of her hands." The gang leader was [illegible]

Where's the stress-free beef?

Wine restaurants are shelling out top dollar for the deed of animals that were raised in environments that were [illegible] certified "stress free."

And what is stress-free beef? It means the animals are given plenty of room to [illegible] chemical feed and plenty of TLC.

"It's basically a trend taking place in the super upscale, white-tablecloth restaurants," said Scott Ali [illegible] publications at Alaska Beef Business Magazine.

Among the stress-free and pain-free cuts are sirloins up on the table at [illegible] selected nationwide are free-range chickens, milk-fed veal and beef cattle that were allowed to roam freely and live with the same group of cows from birth until the day they were slaughtered.

So do these cows actually taste better? Critics say [illegible]

Bride makes bail, then says 'I do'

Bookkeeper Joanne Bryant was on the way to her wedding when she was stopped by the cops — and accused of embezzling more than $134,000 from the firm where she works.

After posting $10,000 bail at the Central City, Calif., jail, Joanne donned her veil and married Roo Gilmore.

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Sizzling model is a MAN who wants to be a WOMAN!

By BEATRICE DEKTER

Sensational supermodel Roberta Close is famous the world over as the most beautiful man in women's clothing. Now the tantalizing transvestite wants to be a woman for real. He's undergoing sex-change surgery.

The Brazilian heartthrob says he plans to sign up for an operation in London this year and is now seeing a psychiatrist to discuss with his doctors

I want to know the risks," the native also told a reporter in Rio de Janeiro. "But if everything is fine, I'm going ahead."

Roberta was first presented to Rio's society back in 1983. Soon after, the lanky sprang around the world and he was even featured in a splashy article in Playboy.

For the fantasy female is a [illegible]. The alternation of men and the jealous attention it brings have become second nature to the Roberta we've all come to know and love. Last April [illegible] Rio's annual Sambadrome [illegible] Roberta [illegible] Samba [illegible] public.

[illegible] Roberta [illegible] Close [illegible] Rio [illegible] Roberta Guimarães Moreira. But he says he felt [illegible] while [illegible]

[illegible] years. Even then I knew I was human. Cause I was a female," he said. "The old days when boys were told to play with dolls, who enjoy playing house, who hate violent sports — that happened with me [illegible]

When he was 14, doctors discovered that Roberta suffered from a deficiency of male hormones. And by that time he knew the way he was and didn't want to change. In fact, he began taking hormone pills to give himself the curvaceous body that today is the envy of most women.

Since then he has appeared in dozens of magazine spreads and made TV commercials. Famous singers have written songs about him, parties — he's even been offered work as a cop model in Paris.

When he [illegible] and a [illegible] through [illegible] through female. Roberta will be able to make the most of his [illegible] option — and [illegible] a wealthy man who will keep him in diamonds and furs.

CAPTION: Roberta Close, 27, has been taking female hormones since he was 16. Now he's ready to have a gender-bender operation — and become a woman. "Ever since I knew I was human, I knew I was a female," Roberta says.

RABID HORSE ATTACKS OWNER!

A rabid horse attacked its owner so savagely that doctors had to amputate the man's leg!

Jose Ramon Martinez, 60, was crossing a river near his home in Zarama, Venezuela, when the beast turned on him — biting his legs, waist and lower back.

According to news reports, passersby found the man near death and took him to a hospital in Caracas, where doctors determined that the only way to save him was to

treatments. The crazed horse died several days later and was diagnosed as having

9-year-old girl swipes mom's car — and drives 50 miles!

A 9-year-old girl drove 50 miles in her mother's car and checked in and out of a motel before cops finally caught up with her!

"It's unbelievable," said Sgt. LaRoy Townsend, a cop in Traverse City, Mich. "She said she was tired — she said she were her mom left and drove 35 miles an hour."

The child, who lives with her mother in East Jordan, Mich., apparently took off in the car [illegible] visit her father, who lives in another city.

After driving 50 miles in her mother's car with her cat for company, she checked into a roadside motel, showered and hit the road again.

The desk clerk became suspicious and called the cops. Police pulled her over a few minutes later.

No charges will be filed in the incident, they said.

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Bizarre disease makes mom inject hospitalized son with dirty water

By JACK ALEXANDER

A mother loved the attention she was getting because her little boy was hospitalized, so she made sure he stayed there a while longer — by injecting him with filthy water from a toilet!

Karen Starchi's son Christopher, 5, developed a fever and a bacteria strain infection because of the filthy water that came from a toilet and a bathtub.

"She waited until she was alone with her sleeping son and injected the stuff into his intravenous tube," said St. Louis, Missouri, Circuit Attorney George Peach.

"He was recuperating from pneumonia when she did it."

Peach said Mrs. Starchi, 31, suffered from a disease known as Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, which was first recognized by medical experts in 1977.

People with the syndrome deliberately make their children sick so they can get sympathy and attention from their friends and doctors.

"She apparently liked the attention she was getting because of her son's illness and wanted it to continue," said Peach.

Mrs. Starchi pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree assault on the minister, which occurred at St. Louis Children's Hospital on 1987.

Judge Robert H. Dierker Jr. placed her on probation for a year and ordered her to undergo psychiatric testing. Her husband was named guardian of their three children.

Look out behind you!

Mark Breitenbach was forced to wrestle with a style he's helping in Ottawa, Canada. But looking behind him is a game as engrossing of the one they got into.

Plastic wrap for teeth newest cavity fighter

The U.S. Surgeon General and the dental experts have joined forces in an effort to get parents to protect their children's teeth from cavities — by having them coated with plastic!

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The treatment is not considered necessary for adults.

Long life poll

Men want to live longer than women, according to an eye-opening new survey by Maturity News Service.

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I'm 31 years old and have an 18-month-old child. I hope you'll agree with me when I'm tired of sitting on this little problem. — Frustrated in Toledo

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'Get us OUT of here!'

Patients panic after hospital 'death squad' murders 49!

By PETE COOKE

Terrified hospital patients are refusing to take any medication and demanding to be released in the wake of confessions from four night shift nurses who killed at least 49 patients they considered to be too much trouble.

The shocking revelations about the nurses who became the Angels of Death touched off panic throughout Lainz Hospital in Vienna, Austria, where authorities believe as many as 300 elderly patients may have been murdered.

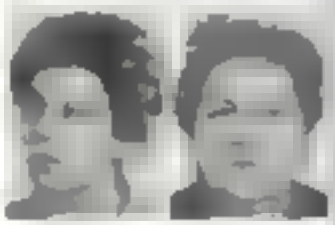
Three nurses enjoyed killing because it gave them an overwhelming power over life and death, said Dr. Anna Stuchlik, head of the city's hospital system.

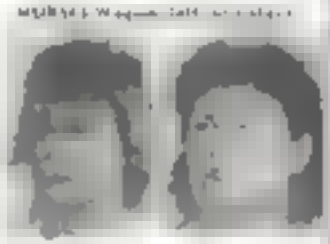
"They killed patients who had become a nuisance to them, who angered them or who posed a special problem," Stuchlik said.

The four night duty nurses are charged with killing 49 elderly patients in the hospital's Ward 8. But investigators believe the number of victims may reach as high as 300. The victims were so helpless that some were terminal.

Dr. Stuchlik said the nurses had been using a syringe filled with water to kill patients by drowning them in their own body fluids.

This is a painful death which leaves virtually no trace. Dr. Stuchlik said: "Water in the lungs of





Driver's sign language led to rifle shots — say police

Troopers flared on a Florida motorist when two motorists exchanged angry words — and one of them fired three rifle shots at the other.

Gustavus Jenkins, his girlfriend Susie Kerr and their young son were hit by the shots that police said were fired by a 19-year-old sailor.

Claiming that the incident began when the [illegible] on the road in Fort Lauderdale, police charged [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] him.

The sailor was released [illegible] after [illegible] and [illegible] the shooting said [illegible] were [illegible] groups and [illegible] other [illegible]

LOST — mummy found at the North Pole may have solved the ancient Egyptian problem!

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[illegible] Kate the Queen [illegible] in [illegible]

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t, says stunned scientist!

By HOYT VOIGHT

t researchers claim to have found an Egyptian buried under tons of ice at the North Pole!

lso recovered an aerial map — [redacted] the d a three man crew might have flown from Egypt to the ne type of airship over 4,500 years ago.

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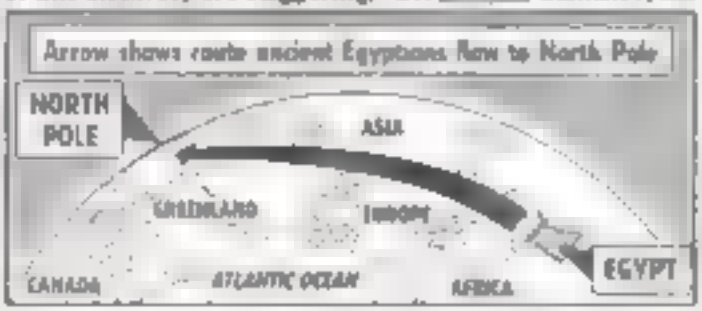

ARTIST'S conception shows primitive plane flown by a team of Egyptians to the North Pole. Three men manned the aircraft with hand crank, and a fourth [redacted] the rudder.

ARTIST'S map flipped at the North Pole shows the route thought to have been taken by the Egyptians as seen in the artist's conception

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the far reaches of the world for ivory and spices for Lord Pharaoh.

"He did perish here. We did bury him in this place. And here we will perish with him. We prepared his body for burial in the manner of his ancestors. Now our work is finished."

The revised message is written in a different hand, said Dr Ganichev. Mysteriously, it says: "I will [redacted] return to Egypt in the airship if I can. But I say above."

The expert said that he and his team searched the area looking for other relics but found nothing before they returned to Moscow on February 23.

The Soviets are planning a second expedition to the burial site but are not at all confident that [redacted] there was an airship at all—not [redacted] even flew near the burial site," said Dr Ganichev. "The companions who buried the pilots probably starved to death. Naturally, Arctic winds have long since blown them away from the spot."

The scientist refused to say when, if ever the Soviets will display the mummy, which is currently in a [redacted] on deepening tests. He did say that he intends to publish a full scientific report on the discovery.

"If the ancient Egyptians did in fact make a hundred flights then we must find out why the technology was lost," said Dr Ganichev.

"It's possible that this plane was a test pilot. Maybe the Egyptians scrapped the idea of flight when he didn't return to [redacted]"

Dirty bar glasses bigger health risk than booze!

Folks may be in less danger from drinking alcohol than they are from using the dirty glasses their drinks come in, a new study shows.

According to a health survey many bartenders are sloppy about washing out their glasses — after they've been used by customers.

"The dirty containers often contain germs that can cause food poisoning, and sometimes are actually filthier after a washing than they were when they were brought back [redacted] up a [redacted] infection which headed the study. "It is a small risk but it shows a worrying lack of [redacted] a microbiologist who attention to hygiene."

Ayatollah puts druggies to work!

Cops in Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran rounded up 500 drug addicts and sent them all to labor camps — to build barricades to keep drug peddlers out of the country!

Jealous husband kills his wife — and the judge lets him go!

Outraged women's groups protest

A jealous husband convicted of beating his unfaithful wife to death with a hammer was set free by a sympathetic judge, touching off a storm of protest from outraged women.

Judge Edward Pincus of New York City found himself in hot water after he released 31-year-old Doug Lu Chen on probation. Chen had earlier stood trial for murder in the brutal slaying of his wife, Jun Wan Chen, 40.

Authorities said Chen, a garment factory worker, attacked his wife when he discovered she'd been cheating on him. The ill-scarred woman was bashed eight times in the head with a hammer.

At the end of a five-day non-jury trial Judge Pincus acquitted Chen of murder, but convicted him of second-degree manslaughter.

Chen's lawyer had argued that the Chinese immigrant was affected by "the overwhelming shame and humiliation" his wife's affair caused him.

When Chen appeared before Judge Pincus for sentencing, the judge said he took into consideration "the effect of his wife's behavior on someone who is essentially large in China, raised in China and took all his Chinese customs with him to the United States."

But when Judge Pincus announced Chen is free pending probation and sent him on his way, prosecutors and women's rights advocates were furious.

The Brooklyn District Attorney, Elizabeth Holtzman, said, "There should be one standard of justice, not one that depends on the cultural background of a defendant. There may be barbaric customs in various parts of the world, but that cannot excuse criminal conduct here."

The District Attorney's Office is reviewing the case and weighing the possibility of an appeal.

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JEANNIE Pepper's jaws are locked and she can't move her head — all because of a baffling disease which is turning her hard as a rock

WOMAN TURNING INTO STONE

Bizarre disease making her hard as concrete!

By SUSAN JAMESON

Courageous Jeannie Pepper faces a living nightmare — day by day, month by month she is turning to stone.

The 30-year-old Llanelli woman suffers from a rare disease that gradually turns her muscles and tissues hard. The bizarre suffering can happen overnight without warning.

After [illegible] she is now confined to a wheelchair. Physiotherapists [illegible] fingers and [illegible] slowly crippled [illegible] spine is fused into a [illegible] hard mass, her jaws are locked shut and she cannot move her head.

"Only three joints in my body still have movement," Jeannie said. "You never know when you wake up in the morning whether something is going to be different.

"The most frustrating thing is there's no cure, no medication you can take to get better. It's a very rare disease. We think there are only a few hundred people in America who suffer from it."

From the time she experienced the frightening onset of her disease at age 8, Jeannie has confronted FOP bravely. And she has set herself a goal of reaching others who share her pain by establishing an international association for FOP sufferers.

Last year she started a newsletter so that FOP victims can exchange ideas and ask questions about the disease.

Jeannie, who lives with relatives, has already surprised her doctors, who expected her to die by the time she was in her early 20s. And despite their predictions that she

[illegible] help of a chair.

She knows the time is running [illegible] she will be so ill [illegible] as a quadriplegic and won't be able to lift a finger. But never Jeannie keeps her spirits up by working to accomplish as much as she can before that day comes.

"It gets frustrating," she admitted. "Either you have a good mind, you sometimes feel like you are locked in a cage. Still, I'm fortunate I'm not in a wheelchair."

'Devil made me kill' — says hit [redacted] teen!

By RAFT KLINGER

Joyriding teen Darren Smith suddenly swerved the stolen car he was driving and smashed into a bicycle rider, killing him — because he claimed the Devil made him do it.

Incredible, Smith, 19, reportedly told friends, and later detectives, in Telford, England, that the Devil had been riding in the backseat of the car snarling with glee and urging him to run down a poor innocent stranger.

"It said, 'Faster, faster, faster, you have got to kill him.' Then it said, 'Now!' and Smith swerved the car deliberately in the direction of Anthony Barker in the trial at Birmingham Crown Court.

Smith was declared mentally normal, but obsessed with fantasies of satan. He told authorities that when he

Satan was in backseat for ride of death!

[illegible] this writing on his bedroom

Later that night, Smith and a pal [illegible] car and set out for a joyride. Zooming down a busy street Smith spied Brigitte Martin, [illegible], 21.

Smith claims he glanced into his rearview mirror and saw the Devil in the backseat [illegible] Barker

The man in the car had done nothing to provoke the attack.

Smith kept on driving, running over the pedestrian. Then he [illegible] to a standstill and [illegible]

Japanese pilot hangs himself — because of a bad landing!

By DICK DONOVAN

Airline pilot Junji Shimokita was recently involved in a minor landing accident that injured no one — but he killed himself for it!

Shimokita hanged himself in his home just four days after the magnificent accident at Chuka Airport in which none of the 53 passengers suffered so much as a scratch.

The young pilot felt he had disgraced himself and his family and saw suicide as the only way he could take responsibility for the accident and redeem himself.

As tragic as Shimokita's story is, it's not an uncommon one in the Land of the Rising Sun, where suicide has reached epidemic proportions.

Each year, as many as 25,000 Japanese men and women — a staggering number of them mere high school students — take their own lives in every bizarre way imaginable.

And many others are young lovers whose parents have for one reason or the other denied them permission to marry.

The frustrated lovebirds end their tormented lives in a bizarre ritual that dates back centuries.

They march off to some remote and idyllic spot high in the mountains where they leap hand in hand to their deaths on the valley below.

Failures in the business or professional world find a less romantic release from their personal torments.

A knife in the gut, a bullet in the brain, a rope around the neck or an overdose of sleeping pills have become popular contraceptives of death in modern-day Japan.

A few years ago, a shocking number of young Japanese men and women snuffed out their lives by hurling themselves in the path of approaching subway trains.

The horrifying practice became so popular that government officials were forced to resort to an outlandish scheme to stop the slaughter.

They put large mirrors on the platforms so that potential suicides could look themselves in the eye before jumping.

Officials happily report that no one has made a death leap since the mirrors were installed.

"But our saddest tragedy is still with us . . . the suicide rate among young students is very serious," declared Tokyo family counselor Akiko Ishikawa.

"Many who fail to get high grades feel they have let their families down and they lose face. They see only one course open to them . . . they commit suicide."

But lately there appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel, said Ishikawa.

"We have had considerable success in getting troubled students to discuss their problems with special counselors who stress that suicide is not the solution . . . that as long as there is life there is hope.

"So far, it appears that the effort is working.

"The suicide rate is slowly going down."

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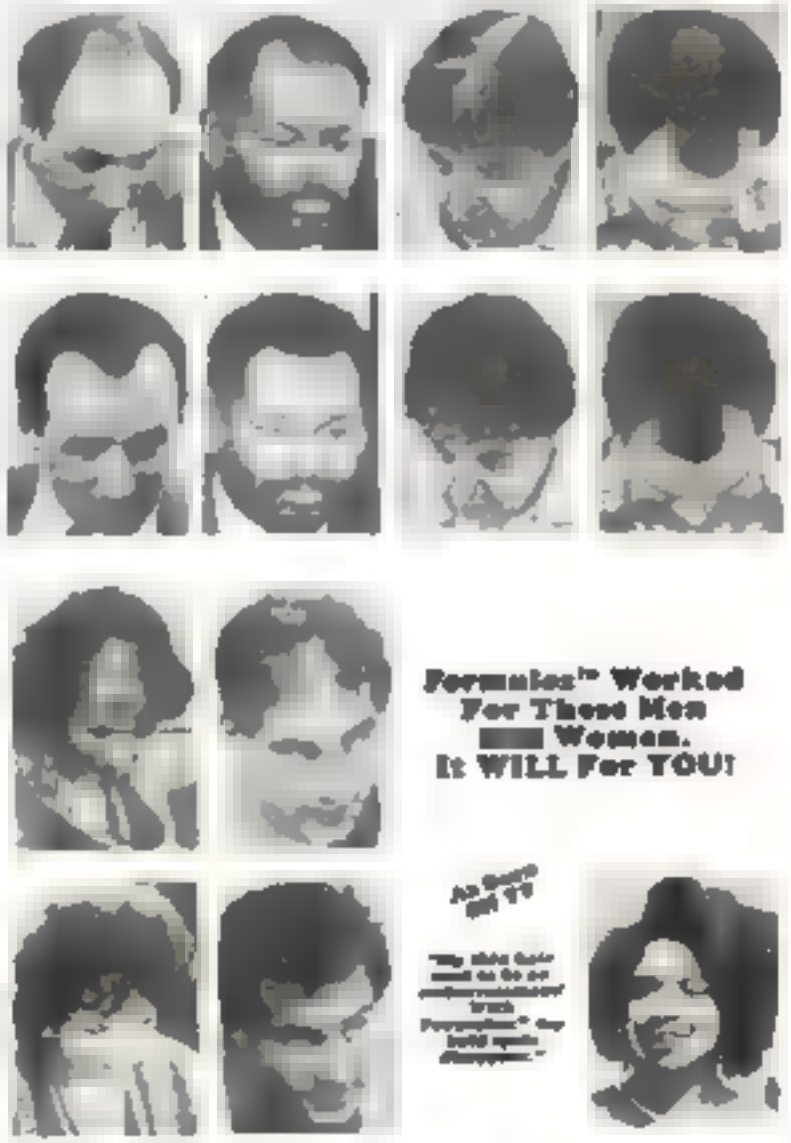

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Mischief-loving spirit haunts Moscow! Top Red wants to investigate!

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is becoming a ghostbuster!

Russia's top Red will join scientists to question the ultimate expert on life after death — a ghost who is haunting three young women and stealing their belongings.

MEET GORBY THE GHOSTBUSTER!

A mischievous poltergeist has been plaguing the residents of a women's dormitory in Moscow since mid-September, according to the Soviet newspaper *Trud*.

The young women, who can "talk" to the ghost through a system of knocks, are helping experts from the Soviet Academy of Sciences' commission on abnormal phenomena question the spectre. So fascinating are the ghost's revelations that Mikhail Gorbachev has told scientists he wants to question the spirit himself next month.

"So far, the ghost has told us a great deal about the afterlife that we had not realized before," said a scientist involved with the bizarre investigation, Dr. Alexander Ochakov. "We now know, for example, that spirits may choose to return to haunt the living whenever they want and that many — like this one — take pleasure in frightening their victims."

BIZARRE appearance of Moscow's mischievous spirit has been reported in newspapers around the world

The ghost, according to *Trud*, first appeared at midnight one fall evening when the three women — all house painters — were preparing for bed. It knocked loudly on the wall of their apartment and opened and closed their door.

The terrified women huddled together for 15 minutes as the eerie phantom prowled around. Afterwards the ghost left as mysteriously as it had arrived, taking a pair of boots, pants and a wool scarf.

"After that it came back at least once a night and we became used to it," one of the women, 23-year-old Alena Suvorova, said in an interview.

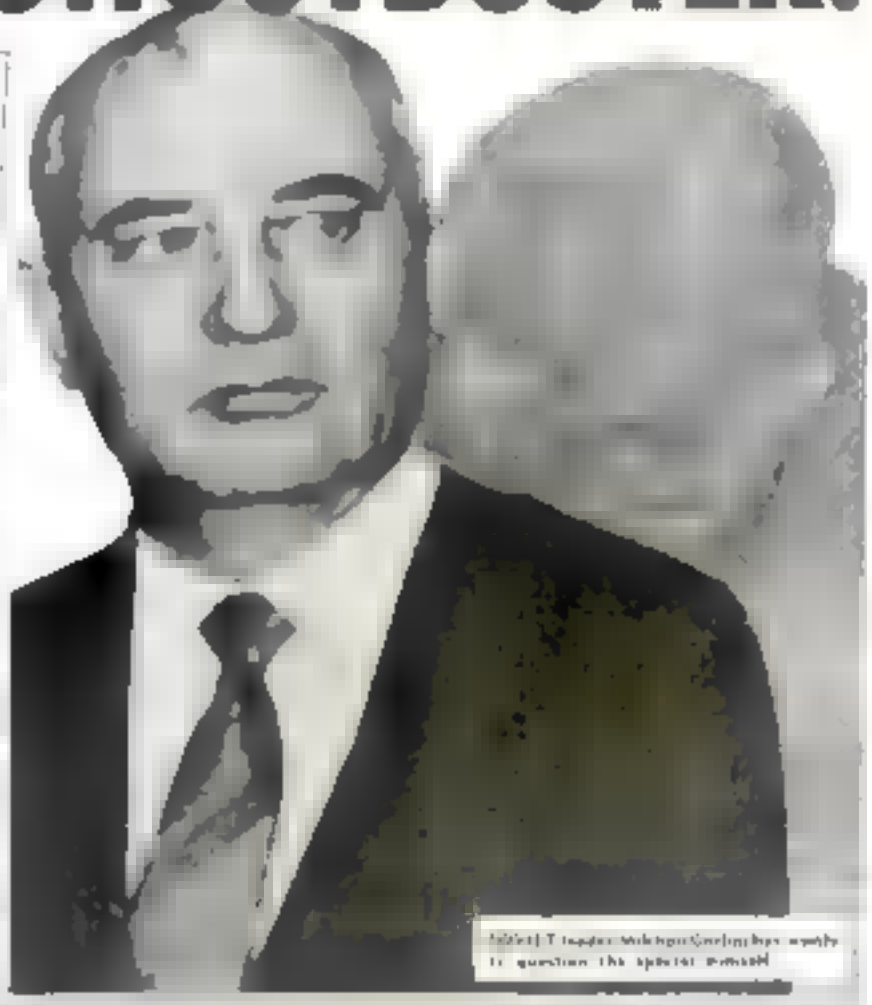
"We began speaking to it and it would knock once to answer 'Yes,' and twice to answer 'No.'

"We reported the ghost to the dormitory administrators and they reported it to the Academy of Sciences. Since then we've had a team of researchers with us and we question the ghost almost every evening."

Dr. Ochakov and colleagues have concluded that the rapping ghost is a genuine poltergeist, not a trick played by someone in the dormitory. They have recorded knocking on walls and doors where there is no visible cause for the sound, they said.

In questioning the mischievous poltergeist, Dr. Ochakov and other scientists at the Academy have learned the ghost is a young bus driver who died in a street accident in 1967.

The bus driver describes the afterlife as peaceful and happy — but boring. He is haunting the Moscow women for the sheer entertainment of it.



Soviet Top Leader Mikhail Gorbachev wants to question the spirit himself

Freight train drags drowsy driver 2 miles!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Dozing bachelor Michael Box crashed his car into a freight train that dragged him two miles along the tracks in the wreckage — and he didn't know it.

When a cop asked Box, 25, if he realized he had hurt his train, Box replied, "What train?"

Box drove around a parked police cruiser into the train at a rural crossing near Brownsville, Canada, about 2 a.m., cops said.

His car became wedged between two freight cars and dragged two miles along the tracks at 50 m.p.h. as a train-by cop ran after the train trying to flag it down.

Box finally awoke when his car jackknifed into a ditch. A police officer said the young motorist was still wearing the sunbonnet worn by mischief-makers on Halloween night.

Cops said Box had liquor on his breath when an ambulance took him to the hospital, but he was not given a blood-alcohol test. Miraculously, he suffered only minor cuts in the bizarre accident.

Defense lawyer Bruce Affleck said Box may have dozed at the wheel for a second or two and hit the train. He said his client was "in a state of shock" after the accident.

Box was fined $200 after pleading guilty to careless driving and driving without car insurance.

"Either you were so impaired with booze you didn't know what you were doing, or if you're that poor a driver you should be off the road anyway," Judge John Rich told Box.

Spooned to death

Baffled cops are searching for the killer who sneaked up behind a 61-year-old man and choked him to death — with a spoon.

Shocked relatives of Sanarino Sanchez found the victim lying on the floor of his home in Reading, Pa., with a foot-long aluminum serving spoon rammed down his throat.

Group names top dog

Owners wanting the best in this country's most popular pooches, according to the American Kennel Club.

Guy drives mobile home 2,000 miles with corpse on the toilet

When his buddy died on the toilet in their motor home, Luke Clementis just propped him up and kept on traveling — the 2,000 long miles from Oklahoma to New York.

"The guy died going to the bathroom, and that's where he remained for four days," said Woodstock, N.Y., Police Chief John Balzano.

Clementis, 58, and his late long pal, James Mattson, had been prospecting for gold in Oklahoma when Mattson died of a heart attack.

"That Luke left him right on the toilet, propped him up a little bit and headed home," said Chief Balzano. "He didn't want his friend to be buried in strange country." When he finally got his dead pal home, Clementis was charged with transporting a body across state lines without having a permit.

"Luke thought he was doing the right thing for his friend," said Chief Balzano. "He's a harmless guy, just a hoot. We have a ton of these people around here."

Clementis, who had been treasure hunting and prospecting for gold in Oklahoma with Mattson for several months, said he "means no harm with the law."

"All I wanted to do was get him home where he belonged," Clementis told Judge John Virgilio. "It didn't seem like it mattered whether he was lying down or sittin' when he died."

Judge Virgilio dismissed the charge, saying there was nothing to be gained by prosecuting Clementis.

After Mattson, 58, was cremated and buried, Clementis was given permission to live in Mattson's home rent-free as long as he takes care of the property.

— JACK ALEXANDER

It pays for parents to apologize to kids

When parents feel they've treated a child unfairly or been too harsh, it pays to apologize, an expert says.

Receiving an apology boosts a child's self-esteem, psychologist Linda Dunlap wrote in a recent issue of *Children* magazine.

The best form of apology: "I'll try not to do that anymore."

Does smooching cause cavities?

Researchers believe the plague of cavities that has hit Arab students who come to America to study could be caused by germs passed on by kissing.

Arabs normally are not bothered by cavities because tea — which they drink a lot of — contains fluoride and a naturally grown stick called *Miswak* is chewed daily to keep the mouth clean.

But for some unknown reason, cavity-free Arabs who have come to the U.S. to attend college have come down with cavities. Some researchers believe cavities could be caused by decay germs passed on by kissing.

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2 DIE IN BAPTISM HORROR!

By DICK DONOVAN

A pregnant mother of five was dragged down to a watery grave by a fanatical preacher who suddenly went stark raving mad — while baptizing her in a [redacted]ing South African river!

As scores of worshippers watched in horror, their self-pro claimed "saveor" grabbed the pregnant [redacted] by the throat [redacted] waded into deep water where they were both swept away.

Preacher, mom-of-5 drown in swollen river!

PREGNANT Ruth Mdlambo drowned in bizarre incident.

MAP shows location of horrifying baptism tragedy.

CRAZED preacher Peter van Dergent, inset, and Ruth Mdlambo waded into the raging Zappa River — and were swept away

The body of preaching preacher Peter van Dergent was found later that day [redacted] miles down river.

The battered body of 27-year-old Ruth Mdlambo, whose [redacted] was pulled from the water at [redacted] was taken further down river.

The dead woman's 42-year-old husband Josephus, left [redacted] and was almost [redacted] as he tried to save her.

[redacted] pleaded with [redacted] to leave the river, but [redacted] Van Dergent [redacted] said.

He was dragging [redacted] to save me," he said. Josephus suffered a severe head gash and fractures of his ribs, both legs and feet left arm where he was smashed against the jagged rocks swept by the thundering river.

"I should have died with her," he said from his bed in a Cape Town hospital. "But then my five children would have been left with no one to care for them.

"When I saw the preacher-man pull her under the water, I threw myself in the river to go to her. But the current children and [redacted] made the struggle [redacted] like a [redacted] and [redacted] drown.

"Finally, all my strength [redacted] and [redacted] I knew I couldn't continue.

"At a narrow place in the river, I grabbed a [redacted] and pulled myself onto it.

"Then I passed out."

Teen avenges girlfriend's rape — by stabbing the wrong guy!

A vengeful teen had hate in his eyes when he went hunting for the guy who brutally raped his girlfriend — and ended up stabbing an innocent boy.

Only the skill of surgeons saved the life of the 15-year-old victim, who was stabbed in the heart in Birmingham, England.

The horrifying mix-up occurred after a sobbing 16-year-old girl ran to the home of her boyfriend and said she had been beaten and raped.

Armed with a knife, the angry boyfriend ran to the scene of the attack and stabbed an unidentified youth he found in the area.

Heart docs 'too tired' to do transplant

A coronary patient was denied his chance to get a new heart when surgeons refused to perform the transplant operation — because they were too tired!

The surgeons at a hospital in Newcastle on Tyne, England, had carried out two other

Berserk swan tries to drown 3 men in canoe!

Three good Samaritans, trying to remove a fishhook from a female swan, almost went to their watery graves when their canoe was attacked and overturned — by the injured bird's enraged mate!

"We nearly lost three guys trying to save that swan," declared Vince Gauna, director of the Metro Parks and Recreation Department in Bend, Ore.

"It really got pretty wild out there," Metro parks official John Simpson told The NEWS. "That male swan was a big guy

and it got right inside the canoe.

"It was really angry and aggressive. That didn't make things easier for the men in the canoe who were trying to remove a fishhook from a struggling swan.

"It didn't take but just a few seconds before the swan capsized.

"But that wasn't enough for the swan. It jumped on the head of one of the men and kept trying to push him under the water. That was one mean swan."

"When people are looking for a nesting place, they get nastier than heck," Gauna explained.

Fortunately, all three of the mistreated men were wearing life jackets and they managed to swim to shore. "But it came close to being a tragic situation," Simpson said. "As it turned out, only their pride was injured." The male swan was captured later that day and caged.

The female was caught and the fishhook removed the following day and both were released. Gauna said the two swans are a pair who're mated for life.

They probably were looking for a nesting place when the female was hooked by a boy fishing with a baited line.

— ROSE GRADY

Law finally catches drunk driver — 11 years later

— 11 years after he skipped out on charges that he was driving while liquored up. The Scottsdale, Ariz., man was arrested originally in 1978 when he was traveling through the town of Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

But he failed to show up for his court date and officials lost track of him.

Then in 1989 he passed through Canada again on his way home from a trip to Europe.

Customs officials checked his name and found there was still a warrant out for his arrest in Burlington.

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Red said he loved me and we spent a week in a motel here in Nevada, and then he said he had to run a load up to Wyoming.

He said he'd be back, but he never showed up and now I'm looking for him.

Red looks like Robert Redford, except not so pretty, and he's got a scar on his right shoulderbone where he got beat a fight one time in Florida. He laughs a lot and he's got a real winning way with women, as I've discovered to my cost.

I was born May 16, 1951, and I've got to find this man, Countess. I guess you know I don't have much time. I want him to marry me or at least pay for the baby.

Find that rig for me, please.

P.S. My Red's favorite food is fried catfish and he says he wouldn't be caught dead in beer stores. If that's any help. — Baby on Board in Reno

Dear Baby on Board: My psychic abilities tell me this man is expected soon. I feel you'll meet on years for him or him.

I know there is one who has offered to marry you and make the baby his own.

I feel very strongly that this young man can bring you happiness, my dear. Good luck to all three of you.

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Dear Countess Kelsaki: A handwriting expert once told me that I possessed great honesty, but it made him sad because I would never do anything with it or amount to anything.

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Countess, I am an alien as I know how to be, but I'm the never attempting people. I've never had a successful relationship or work or anybody.

I'm really fed up and about to tell the jerks to my 40s to take a flying leap.

Please, can you offer me some advice to help me? — P.N. in Utah

Dear P.N. [illegible]

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Dear Countess Kelsaki: For the past 11 years I have been living with a very nice and good lady. She is a hard worker who gets up at 6 a.m. to get to work at 7 a.m.

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I would like to help them financially if I can but with the 17% over the bank or anything else.

I had the misfortune of having to take a medical retirement, so for the past ten years I've been a house husband with no prospects.

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Authorities said the boy was playing near his home when he stepped into an uncovered water meter and his right foot got stuck in a cast-iron pipe.

Three fire squads, two rescue squads and a crew from the city utilities department rushed to the scene and considered several ways of trying to free the boy before Gary Garrette suggested shortening.

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An herbal doctor claims to have cured 80 people of killer AIDS.

Daniel C. Claude of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, says that a bizarre mixture of herbs, leaves, flowers and tree sap will cure all but the most advanced cases of the disease.

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Mechanic restarts man's heart – with JUMPER CABLES!

A quick-thinking mechanic literally jumpstarted a dying heart attack victim with the battery cables from his car!

By CHUCK REYNOLDS

"I didn't know if it would work or not but I had to do something fast," Konrad Lindstrom, the 31-year-old hero, told newsmen in Narvik, Norway.

"Everybody has seen those doctor shows on TV where they shock heart patients back to life with electricity. I figured this guy was going to die anyway.

"So I hooked my jumper cables to the car battery and started shocking him like they do on television. I guess I saved his life."

Newspapers said Dr. Idrin's death drama unfolded when the 58-year-old man collapsed and injured his head on a street curb in Narvik. Lindstrom just happened to be driving by.

And when he jumped out of his car to help, the stricken man's wife told Lindstrom that her husband had a history of cardiac woes and that he had just had a major heart attack. "I knew a little CPR so I tried to revive him that way but it didn't work," said Lindstrom.

In desperation, the young man snatched the jumper cables out of his car, flung open the hood, hooked them up to the battery and screamed "Get back! Get back! Get off the way!"

"My hands were shaking but I knew what I had to do," said Lindstrom. "I touched the clips of the cables together to make sure I had a good connection and there was a big spark and a pop.

"I pushed the clips down to the man's bare chest and he gave a little kick. I pulled back for a few seconds and then I grabbed them and he kicked again.

"He grimaced and groaned this time. Then he started to breathe."

An ambulance arrived a few minutes later and took Berlin to the hospital. Doctors confirmed that he had suffered a massive coronary and said that Lindstrom's quick actions "unquestionably saved his life."

Lindstrom was too weak to comment to newsmen.

Doctors reminded about the incident and nobody should try to duplicate the mechanic's feat — it might kill a heart patient that otherwise could be revived.

Severed head found on golf course has AIDS!

Cops made an incredible discovery while searching the severed head of a young woman found on a golf course — it has AIDS!

Baby Bambi is a real flower child

City official is in trouble for lying about her age

City Councilwoman Inger [illegible] has been ordered by a judge to tell the truth about her age.

Mrs. Lynch signed a sworn affidavit when she first ran for office in 1982 that she was born in 1940. But voter registration records show she was born in 1928.

The Alvin, Texas, official said [illegible]

— JACK ALEXANDER

Triplets' videotape brings coma-mom back to life!

Loving mom Alison Palmer lay in a coma for seven weeks and never stirred — till a videotape of her 5-year-old triplets brought her back to life.

The 30-year-old Weymouth, England, woman was hurt in a car crash and made a cage of machines that nothing doctors did could snap her out of her coma.

Then her husband Vern brought Matthew, James and Lyndsey and played it in her hospital room.

"That did the trick," said the grateful hubby.

"Above needed no more encouragement than our three lovely children to pull her through this crisis."

Gals are better at driving drunk, says shocking new study!

Women who drive drunk aren't as likely to cause accidents as drunk men, a fascinating new study shows.

Researchers at England's Leeds University found that women drive slower than men who are drunk and therefore make fewer mistakes.

But both men and women inevitably travel slower and make more mistakes when they're sloshed than they do when sober, the researchers Dr. David Shaw said.

And when anyone goes from really drunk and has to stop, both have sober path, Dr. Shaw said.

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Medical researchers quickly discovered that this new formula not only reduces the appetite but actually causes the body to literally absorb fat! When taken before meals, a formula with the [illegible] ingredient [illegible] the ingested calories pass through and out of the digestive system undigested! Even [illegible] you eat as much as your heart desires, a slight weight loss results as your body burns fat to digestion [illegible] unbelievably effective.

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Further medical tests at the new formula have been made at [illegible] Hospital, University of Gothenburg. Results published in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NUTRITION stated: "Body weight was significantly reduced during the study period. Although the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits. The new compound is so powerful, no side effects and no reactions in the stool. In bringing about a fat free result it has virtually eliminated the need for dieting as the hormone [illegible]."

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After extensive testing, the new compound was determined to be safe and was formulated into one of the most effective weight reducing pills of all time. The [illegible] formulation is being marketed in the United States under the trade name Cal-Ban 3000™. It is now available without [illegible]

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Zoo chimp rips boy's arm off!

Playful toddler Matthew McDaid reached into a zoo cage to pet a chimpanzee named Bustah — and the savage ape ripped the boy's arm off at the shoulder!

Then the rogue chimp chewed the severed arm and had to be tranquilized before rescuers could retrieve it and rush it to a hospital where surgeons hoped to reattach it.

But when the boy and the ice-packed arm reached the hospital, a highly skilled team of microsurgeons abandoned any hope that Matthew's arm could be saved.

"It was just too badly mangled," explained a spokesman at Queen Victoria Hospital, in the London suburb of East Grinstead, England.

By RICH DONOVAN

The nightmare tragedy dropped a curtain of horror on what had been a fun-filled holiday for the McDaid family, who were frequent visitors to the Port Lympne Zoo.

Two-year-old Matthew apparently slipped away from his mom and dad and crawled through a chest-high gate that forms a restricted area around the chimp cage.

The boy's parents, John and Frances McDaid, were hoping a visit at their son's bedside and were said to be "too shattered" to talk about the accident.

But grandmother Barbara Wilkinson said an ape was aware that Matthew had wandered off on his own.

"We didn't realize that he had scampered off until there was an awful piercing scream," she said. "He had apparently gone under the guard fence and put his arm into the chimp cage."

Zoo visitor Michael Darby said he was walking near the chimp cage when he heard Matthew's screams of pain.

"I ran around to the front of the cage and I saw the boy lying on the ground," the 42-year-old jet salesman said. "His blond hair and left side covered drenched in blood.

"I looked into the cage and saw one of the two chimps chewing on what looked like a piece of wood. I was absolutely stunned with horror and revulsion when I realized it wasn't a piece of wood. It was the boy's arm."

Matthew was reported in stable condition.

Zoo officials said they won't destroy the 28-year-old chimp, who lives in the cage with his mate Bessie.

"There's no point in killing Bustah," zoo spokesman Sue Thuft said. "What good would that do?"

The zoo is one of two owned by British millionaire gambler John Aspinall. The chimp attack is only the latest in a string of bizarre tragedies to hit the pair in recent years.

Animal keeper Brian Sinclair, 29, was killed when he was savaged by an adult tigress named [illegible] was mauled to death by the lady. And at the same Port Lympne Zoo where Bustah attacked Matthew, Pooh attacked a keeper and deliberately crushed him with his paw in a rage and deliberately crushed him with his head in 1981.

TRAGIC accident occurred after Matthew McDaid slipped away from his parents, crawled under a fence and reached into the cage of Bustah the chimpanzee.

RESCUE workers rushed Matthew to a hospital but doctors couldn't reattach his arm.

Pay for birth control — with your piggy bank!

A fund-raising campaign to persuade birth control in poor countries is asking families to keep a piggy bank next to the bed and to chip in 50 cents every time they have sex!

Organizers of the campaign called Sex Aid figure the average couple's sex life should be worth about $25 a year.

"They can save it up or write us a check every six months or put it in a little tin by the bed," said Patricia Hindmarch, fund-raising manager for Marie Stopes International. "We don't care how they do it. At the end of the day we just want their money."

Miss Hindmarch said the charity which is headquartered in London, England, has worked quietly for 30 years to raise money for family planning efforts in Third World nations.

"We now realize that we need more hype like Band Aid and Comic Relief to draw people's attention to the problem, so we are not

Lawyer who murdered wife & kids may practice law again!

A lawyer who beat his wife and kids to death with a baseball bat 11 years ago and never spent a day in prison — may soon be practicing law again!

Outrage has greeted a New York court ruling that says Robert Rowe is cured of insanity and is eligible to be readmitted to the bar association.

"It's outrageous and I resent it terribly," said Barbara Napolitano, who with her husband discovered the battered and bloody bodies of Rowe's wife Josiane and their three kids, Robert, 14, Christopher, 12, and Jennifer, 7.

"He should have killed himself. Our laws are completely out of whack. We can't do the day of the family massacre Rowe was 50 pounds fat, wife at work and told me to hurry home to their house in Brooklyn Heights. "I have a big surprise for you."

"The children never had a chance. They were clubbed to death in their beds," said prosecutor Michael Cisey, now a New York City judge. "I will never forget the case. He raped and killed his entire family."

Rowe was found not guilty by reason of insanity in the slayings — the jury heard a psychiatrist testify that the killer was a paranoid schizophrenic and was ordered to undergo psychiatric treatments until a year ago. The brutal killer has taught school and worked as a private investigator since his release from the mental hospital six years ago.

Because of the new ruling of the state Supreme Court, Rowe is in line for a possible ruling. Rowe is in line to practice law again and can apply to be readmitted to the New York Bar, which disbarred him in 1974.

"If they give Rowe a license, lots of them should get one too. Mayor Charlie Manna would make a good lawyer," said a neighbor who had gone to high school with Rowe's eldest son.

"He deserves to die."

— JACK ALEXANDER

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FEARS of the rich & famous:

Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar may have been a hero on the battlefield, but he was scared to death of sitting in the dark.

Here, from The Book of Lists, are some other famous people and their less-than-famous phobias.

● Novelist Malcolm Lowry, fear of cracking an fish bones

● British Queen Victoria's fear of mice.

● Top psychiatrist Sigmund Freud, fear of riding in trains

● Multi-billionaire Howard Hughes fear of germs

● Singer Dean Martin, fear of riding in elevators

● Novelist Graham Greene, fear of blood and birds

● Actor Robert Mitchum, fear of large crowds

● Composer Arnold Schoenberg, fear of the number 13 (he died on a Friday the 13th, 13 minutes before midnight).

● Singer Burl Ives, fear of airplanes (he died in a plane crash)

● Comedian Red Skelton, fear of hamsters

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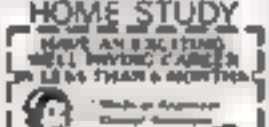

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His greatest fear was ... like this!

Baldness cure fails — so man gets pal to kill him!

By JOE BERGER

Balding Barry Parker was so upset over his receding hairline that he persuaded a surgeon to operate on his testicles, hoping that would save what was left of his locks.

And when the operation flopped, despairing Barry turned in the towel — and talked a young friend into killing him!

Schoolboy Brett Cooper, 17, was convicted of murder and sentenced to an indeterminate term in prison after admitting he smothered his hapless pal with an overcoat.

"This is really a tragic case all around," defense attorney John Todd told reporters in Bristol, England.

"My client did what he did out of sympathy but out of compassion. He did it because his friend had begged him to.

"It's hard to imagine that anybody would be so unhappy about going bald that he would want to die, but that's exactly what happened. The man was something of an oddball, to be sure."

Co-workers told the court that bachelor Barry, 30, had fretted over his condition for years. "He was supermarket manager and he became obsessed with the idea that his baldness was turning him into an ugly old man," a friend testified.

"He tried every pill and salve he could find, but nothing seemed to work."

Finally the frustrated factory hand "picked up a notion that if he had a surgical operation on his testicles, that would stop his hair falling out," said prosecutor John Hayes.

Frantic Barry found a doctor who would perform the operation — but surgery didn't help any more than the pills and creams.

"When the operation failed, that was more than he could stand," Hayes said. So accomplice Brett took sleeping pills to make him drowsy, then talked his friend Brett into holding a coat over his face until he died.

"It's just a very bizarre situation and it's a shame that this boy had to get caught up in it," said defense attorney Todd.

He said he may appeal the conviction.

He swallowed 17 bags of dope, then . . .

Drug smuggler loses inventory to an urgent call of nature!

By JOE STEVENS

A drug smuggler had a diarrhea attack and passed 17 cocaine-filled condoms he had swallowed into an airliner's toilet!

Incredibly, the man was actually cooking them off and gulping them down for a second time when a stewardess got worried because he was taking so long and opened the door with a key.

"I was stunned," Inger Parker, the stewardess, told reporters in Holbaek, Denmark.

"He had a wild look on his face and was pulling one of the drug packets out of his mouth when I peeked into the bathroom," she said.

"I screamed and he started cursing and slammed the door. I ordered the captain and he radioed for the police to meet us at the airport when we landed."

Police met the passenger flight and arrested Eric Kingbang, 27, for possession of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute said prosecutors.

Explained one cop: "This just goes to show you what scumbags these drug smugglers really are. They'll stop at nothing. They'll even flush drugs out of a dirty toilet and swallow them to avoid detection."

Rubber-necker

This hungry swan goes all stretched out of shape for a tasty tidbit offered by a bird lover in the park in Manchester, England.

Fireman's joke backfires and judge is burned up

By JACK ALEXANDER

"It's a slow day. Why don't you get us some business" a fireman joked to a couple of teenage boys who dropped by the station — so they turned a house down.

Volunteer fireman Harry McDonald said he was just kidding the youngsters — "passing the time of day. I had no idea they'd take me seriously," he told a judge.

But the two boys DID take him seriously. They scampered over to a vacant house slated to be demolished for a highway, and torched it.

The youngsters, ages 13 and 14, were caught and turned over to juvenile court authorities. McDonald, 21, was convicted of accessory to arson.

"It was a slow day at the firehouse when the two boys dropped by," said Chief Joseph Connell of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department. "The boys left and a few minutes later the station got a call about a house fire."

The first and second floors were ablaze when McDonald and other firemen reached the scene. An alert cop had already caught the boys.

"Putting the fire out was the problem. When police questioned the boys, they said McDonald told them to do it," said Chief Connell.

McDonald was flabbergasted when the two youngsters pointed the finger at him. "He was just joking. He didn't think they'd be dumb enough to do it," said Chief Connell.

A judge didn't see the humor of McDonald's joke. He placed the young fireman on five years' probation and ordered him to do 50 hours of community service.

McDonald is now allowed to

TRIVIA

By JACK ALEXANDER

This tiny bit of Trivia may tire you out just thinking about it, but the average person will walk 70,000 miles in a lifetime.

That doesn't include the endless hours you spend on your feet standing in lines, brushing your teeth, primping, working or whatever.

But your tired footsies get more rest than you might think. Unless you're unusual, you will sleep about one-third of your life away.

The NEWS Trivia researcher has found that elephants don't get nearly that much. Mainly. They're too busy eating to sleep.

Those pandemonic pachyderms spend 18 to 20 hours a day foraging for food. And when they finally chase those tired old eyes, sleeping isn't easy. Elephants are super early risers who wake up about every 30 minutes.

Here is more Trivia for you trivia buffs.

● Cuba's runaway kingpin Fidel Castro once played baseball in the minors. Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Hollywood movie star Gary Cooper were among baseball greats who visited Fidel's baseball camp in Havana.

● Two of Mrs. President William Howard Taft once got an 300-pound bath chair in the White House bathtub and had to be pried out.

● Next time you get the hiccups, try one of these folk remedies. Cover your head with a handkerchief and have someone hand you a rock and turn it over. Wet a piece of red thread, pitch it on your forehead and look at it!

● It takes 200,000 frowns to produce one wrinkle.

● The youngest set of parents ever known were a 5-year-old boy and an 8-year-old girl who gave birth to a boy in Amoy, China, in 1910.

● More babies are born in early spring than at any other time of the year. September is next. The largest known baby born in modern times was a 23½-pound baby girl born in Canada in 1961.

● Actor Clark Gable's false teeth were a bit too much for some of his leading ladies. Vivien Leigh vowed to quit doing love scenes in *Gone With the Wind* unless Clark took out his chompers and used mouth wash.

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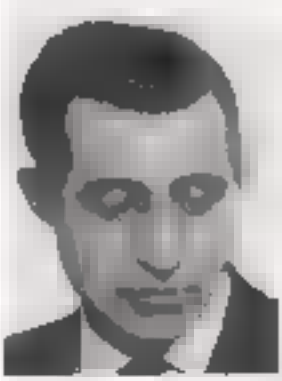

TRAGIC couple, Oscar and Darcy Ventura. Darcy died when Darcy sat on his lap to give him a little hug.

A 26-year-old man suffocated under his 300-pound wife when she affectionately sat on his lap — and couldn't get up!

"It was an awful tragedy, a terrible tragedy," Police Lt. Lane Decker told reporters in Navarre, Arkansas. "The man and woman were very much in love.

"The woman is still in shock. She is devastated by the death of her husband."

The horrifying drama unfolded when Darcy Ventura, 34, plopped herself down on Oscar Ventura's lap while he was sitting in an armchair watching TV.

Her enormous frame pushed the fifty-man down into the cushions of the chair, however, and she couldn't get up as she sat on her husband for almost three hours before a neighbor heard her cries and called the police.

"Mrs. Ventura was in shock when we got there and her husband was dead, dead," said Lt. Decker. "The coroner confirmed that he suffocated.

"She is not obviously an accident and his wife certainly won't be charged with murder."

Mrs. Ventura was not available for comment but her sister, Carmen de Lugo, said it might take years for the woman to get over the tragedy.

"Darcy always was heavyset and Oscar was the first and only man who had ever given her the time of day," she said.

Falling star

Schoolboy Bobby Nagy, 8 of Wheat Ridge, Colo., watched a meteorite fall from the sky and set the ground on fire in him!

Because most meteorites burn up in orbit, a geology professor at the Colorado School of Mines said: "This little fella was something very rare."

Drunk driving suspect tries to drink the evidence, cops say

A 78-year-old woman had a drink to steady her nerves — while she was in a police station being booked for drunk driving!

Authorities in Trenton, N.J., said it was Ann Mazeski's third drunk driving arrest after she returned into the back of another car at about 9:30 a.m.

Officer Allen Tannenbaum said he asked the woman why she'd been drinking in the morning and she replied, "I drink all the time."

"I stopped out for a second," Tannenbaum said.

"When I told her she was drinking the bottle of booze we took off her, I told her 'Hey, you're drinking all my evidence.'" He said the woman's blood-alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

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By Countess Sophia Saleh

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

At work, you will see yourself as the leader and the authority figure. Caution, hopeful Aries, others will see you as arrogant and may be working against you. Beware of a dogmatic female.

This time period finds you ending a critical eye on your home, as the refreshing weather inspires you to thoughts of refurbishing your surroundings. But keep a close eye on the budget this week.

Write down every expenditure, no matter how small.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

The next few weeks may prove to be a time of high emotional drama, perhaps indicating some kind of a romantic breakup.

Sound advice and consolation will be forthcoming from several directions. Look to Libra, and possibly Cancer.

Some may experience [illegible] expenditures, medical bills or sentimental failures. But sentiments will come from an unusual source and lead to a lasting friendship.

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Readers all over the country are using Countess Saleh's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a Winner, and To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

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Taurus	Apr. 20 May 20	5, 14, 19, 23, 34, 37	Scorpio	Oct. 23 Nov. 21	3, 13, 18, 24, 34, 44
Gemini	May 21 June 20	11, 17, 19, 34, 40, 48	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 Dec. 21	6, 13, 20, 21, 35, 40
Cancer	June 21 July 22	3, 16, 18, 20, 39, 48	Capricorn	Dec. 22 Jan. 19	4, 16, 30, 36, 44, 49
Leo	July 23 Aug. 22	3, 15, 23, 29, 34, 41	Aquarius	Jan. 20 Feb. 18	1, 23, 28, 33, 36, 42
Virgo	Aug. 23 Sept. 22	3, 14, 20, 28, 42, 45	Pisces	Feb. 19 Mar. 20	9, 11, 22, 28, 34, 46

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Face up to the fact that your finances are in poor shape! Put yourself on a strict budget in order to get yourself out of this tough spot. You can do it, Gemini!

Some singles will find it difficult to cope with family members this week, but a compassionate friend offers a helping which should not be ignored.

An unusual energy high will help you accomplish wonders at work and in the home.

Love is in the air for you.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Your physical energy is low this week, quiet-loving Cancer.

Outside influences are partially to blame, but your exceptional approach to life has to be scrutinized also. Scheduling chores to make more constructive use of your day will leave time for the relaxation you crave.

Intuitive powers are highlighted during this period, and will help you to negotiate with a loved one. A letter will bring news of financial gain.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Weekend revelry leaves you guilt ridden.

All your good intentions to cut back on food and drink, plus a New Year's resolution to lose that excess poundage, flew out the window.

If you are serious about the problem, your best bet is to join one of the organizations for weight loss that offer support groups.

Love life typically torrid tonight, and your inability to stay with a committed plan stems from trying to go it alone.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Singles born under the sign of Virgo are entering a period which favors affairs of the heart.

For many, financial matters will require close attention — but investing in new businesses or signing a contract will prove risky.

Marriage may find the recent peace and quiet on the home front has been the calm before the storm, so be on your guard.

The weekend will prove disruptive, thanks to in-laws and unmarried relatives.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

The lunar position signals a new art in Libra's lovely social life. A time to entertain and entertain your friends — especially in those of the opposite sex.

Minor frustrations with extended family members may mar the weekend, but towards the end of the week you will find the generosity of your employer will pay off in a way you never imagined.

Singles and those with partners will find romance at a social gathering.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

The physically active Scorpios, whether through a job situation or a vigorous exercise program, needs an extra measure of rest and relaxation this week.

Ignore well-intentioned advice from those who think being socially active is the run-all.

A temporary respite which includes quiet evenings spent watching TV may do the trick.

You will be delighted this weekend when the mailman delivers a letter from a long lost friend.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Fire sign people, and Sags are one, seem to have the ability to create their own luck. That's what you've done! Your dedication and hard work are about to pay off in a big way.

Whatever, don't be surprised to burn the midnight oil this week. Scheduling time to be spent with neglected family members will recharge your batteries for the exciting days ahead.

Take time out for an evening on the town with pals or loved ones.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Here we go! You've done your time in the salt mine and it's your turn to whoop it up this week. Gather those you love around you and have a ball. Dance and sing until you're all partied out — and when the bill comes, pay it with a great big smile.

Now a word of caution. A big, green car could cause you trouble on the road. Watch where you're going.

A money, good-natured friend will brighten your life if you relax and let it happen.

If your birthday is this week . . .

Warmth and affection highlight the coming months as your partners and family members shower you with attention.

A new supervisor at work will cause staff members concern. Steer clear of taking sides. Do your work and be steady. Your reward will come your prize and/or promotion early next year.

A bizarre incident in a department store shortly before the December holidays will result in a minor financial loss. But a stranger you meet then will become a close friend and will later help you out of a jam.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Many will find their romantic emotions are on a wild roller coaster ride the next few weeks and financial matters are a mixed bag, adding to a mounting sense of frustration and irritation.

But planetary movement at the end of the week will change the picture, and lasting romance is indicated.

On a lighter note, coming events will bring much happiness and will deepen and refresh your bonds with loved ones.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Unusual and mysterious behavior among co-workers becomes clear when job assignments are posted. Hold your temper, feisty Fish. The tide will turn soon and you'll have your day.

The weekend finds you mentally fatigued from a frustrating workweek, longing for peace and quiet. But playing the lover could be a mistake. Socializing will help relieve tensions, and an attractive member of the opposite sex will help you unwind.

Don't annoy your doctor!

. . . or he might get even, says shocking new study

by JOE GERGEN

WARNING: Being mean to your doctor can be dangerous to your health.

A unique new study has found that critical, disrespectful patients bug doctors more than anything else — even more than patients who don't pay their bills.

And if your doctor doesn't like you, he may treat you with less care and concern, experts say.

"It's a potential problem for every patient," said Dr. John Mallinberger, a psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School.

In the study, Michigan State University Medical School researchers asked a group of experienced doctors to describe situations that troubled them.

And patients who criticized the doctor or challenged his professional integrity were right at the top of the list.

Other situations most likely to cause a strong emotional response in your doctor are:

● The patient who wants a doctor to certify him or her as disabled when the doctor doesn't think they are.

● The patient who wants lab tests or medications, including narcotics, that the doctor feels are not needed.

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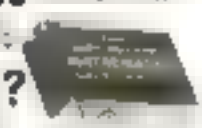

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Geezers and the go-go girl

Old romeos duel over same gal and slash each other to ribbons

Ornery oldsters Carl Hammond and Harry Davis had been pals for 30 years. But the friendship ended in mayhem when the wrinkled rascals fell in love with the same go-go girl — and slashed each other bloody in an old-fashioned sword fight!

By LAUREN BOWEN

The pierced prunefaces both 73, are recovering from wounds they suffered when they dueled a sex with ceremonial samurai swords they kept on a wall of the apartment they'd shared since 1980.

"Those old geezers could have killed each other if a neighbor hadn't heard the commotion and broken up the battle," said Hong Kong police investigator Adam Lee.

"It's a shame, two old friends fighting like that."

Centurion Carl and his roommate Harry had been best buddies since they started work side by side on the docks of Sydney, Australia, in 1938.

The bachelor oldsters moved to Hong Kong some years ago after their wives died just three months apart.

"They were as close as any two pals could be," said their friend and neighbor Nicholas Fong, 68.

"They grumbled and fussed at each other, but they were a team. There was a lot of affection there."

But a half century of friendship blew apart as the years when the pigeon married mooing a busty young go-go girl they met at a local bar.

"At first they were each getting out with her on the sly but it didn't take long before they found out they were competing for her attention," their friend Nick told reporters.

"Then ..." Fong was very attractive, but it was obvious she wasn't interested in these old nuts.

"She was just playing them along because they were buying her nice presents. But they thought she was crazy about them and the competition got furious."

Finally, the sputtering Don Juans challenged each other to a sword fight — winner take all.

They grabbed the deadly swords from the wall and were whaling away at each other when Nick Fong heard the commotion next door and rushed in the rescue.

"They were really going at it, and there was blood all over the place," a frantic Fong recalled.

"I tossed a chair at them and screamed at them to come to their senses and finally they put down their swords.

"I had to call an ambulance to get them to the hospital before they bled to death."

The battling buddies each needed more than 100 stitches to close their wounds.

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Factory worker runs up $6.7G bill for sex spree — then refuses to pay!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A factory worker enjoyed a $6,700 summer of sex with hookers at two Baltimore clubs and charged it to his American Express card — but refuses to pay because prostitution is illegal.

Michael Gianakos not only doesn't want to pay, he's upset with the American Express folks for putting him through the aggravation of going to court.

The kinky saga began in the summer of 1981, when Gianakos purchased the services of prostitutes at the Club Pussycat and Jewel Box in a red light district of Baltimore called The Block, a spot cited by American Express claims.

When American Express demand Gianakos for the $6,700, he wouldn't pay and cited a Maryland court case to back him up.

The case he cited says a person can't enter into a contract with another person based on an illegal act. "My client entered into a contract with American Express in this case and we contend it is null and void because prostitution is illegal," said Gianakos' lawyer, Thomas Wyatte.

"That's absurd," countered American Express' attorney Sidney Friedman. "If he's right, everyone is going to be lined up on The Block with their charge card."

Gianakos may have a problem proving the $6,700 went for hookers because bills submitted showed the charges were for "[illegible]"

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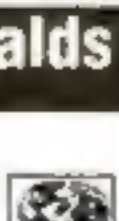

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YING LIHUI spent a fortune on fertility drugs before she discovered that a doc had given her a secret birth-control device — without her knowledge five years ago. She's suing for $800.

Angry gal sues sneaky doc — for making her baby-proof!

By HERB TALLIS

A Chinese woman has sued a Shanghai hospital for outfitting her with a birth control device without her knowledge or permission!

Legal papers filed on the woman's behalf in Shanghai allege that the Dr. Feng Mao-jang secretly implanted an intrauterine device while she was undergoing a routine examination at the People's Clinic in 1983.

For the next five years the woman desperately tried to get pregnant. She even spent a small fortune on fertility drugs in a futile effort to have a baby.

"I was suffered needlessly," Ying Li Lee, 38, told China's Legal Daily News.

"I really thought something was wrong with me. My husband and friends thought I was barren.

"All this time I could have had a baby so easily. But the IUD kept me from getting pregnant."

The woman is asking the hospital to pay the equivalent of $800 to compensate her "for fertility drugs, pain and suffering."

A spokesman for the People's Clinic refused to comment on the case. But Dr. Feng calls the litigation "preposterous."

The woman was fitted with [illegible] trol targets established by the Chinese government," said the doctor.

"I didn't tell her about it because I knew that she would take it out. It's as simple as that."

The IUD was discovered by a gynecologist who conducted an ultrasound test on the woman late last year.

Mrs. Ying has since gotten pregnant.

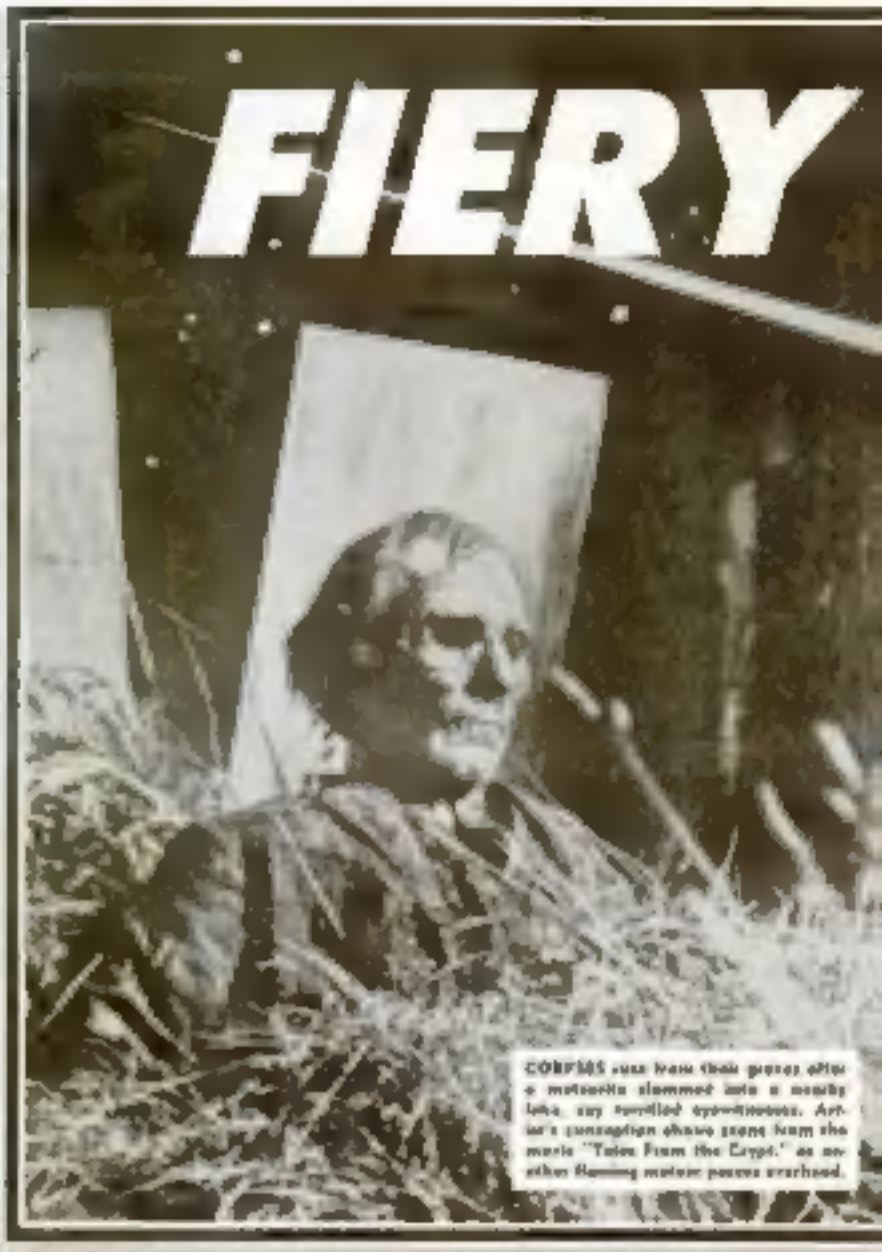
"If I win the case I will use the money to make a good life for my child," she said.

The case is scheduled to go to trial on July 6. Chinese officials said.

It's a man race!

Nuns will be trading in their habits for riding breeches to take part in the International Nun Run Classic horse race.

"We are urging any nuns available for the race to get their whips out and get into training," said Sean Dempsey, organizer of the charity event to be held June 15 in Trim, Ire-



CORPSES rise from their graves after a meteorite slammed into a nearby lake, say terrified eyewitnesses. Artist's conception above from the movie "Tales From the Crypt," as another flaming meteor passes overhead.

Shacking up before marriage may lead to divorce, says study

By SUSAN JIMISON

Shack up before marriage and you'll probably break up after marriage, a startling new study shows.

Couples who live together before they walk down the aisle have at least a 50 percent greater chance of divorcing than couples who wait to see the preacher before they play house, sociologist Larry Bumpass says.

While Bumpass' research reached no firm conclusions about why this is so, the University of Wisconsin researcher believes it has to do with values and attitudes.

"People who live together before marrying are not traditionalists," said Bumpass, who surveyed 13,000 couples for his study. "They're more open to cohabitation as a solution to marital problems.

"And they may form habits while living together that make marriage more difficult. These habits may assume a lower level of commitment, less of an obligation to stand by the partner."

Almost four out of 10 couples live together before their first marriage, the researcher found. While most couples who live together say they are testing whether they are compatible, Bumpass thinks other issues may be involved. Cohabiting couples may be more uncertain about their relationships, and less willing to tie themselves to anyone for an entire lifetime.

The survey found that only 33 percent of couples living together before marriage felt that marriage was a "lifetime relationship and should never be ended except under extreme circumstances." A whopping 71 percent of traditionalists who lived together only after wedding believed that marriage was a lifetime matter.

"What all this may be saying is that marriage for young people is seen as an option, not a certainty," Bumpass

METEORITE CRASH RAISES THE DEAD!

By WILL [illegible]

Police are investigating reports that 200 dead people rose up out of their graves and marched through a village after a meteorite slammed into a lake two miles away!

At least 60 witnesses claim to have seen their dead friends and loved ones walk through the center of town and into the lake west of Bruck, Austria.

And while the authorities are inclined to believe that the incident was some sort of practical joke, they have confirmed that 200 bodies that were buried in the local cemetery have, in fact, disappeared.

"I don't know what's going on," Police Captain Walter Mower told newsmen in Vienna, the nearest major city. "We've talked to all the witnesses and their accounts of what happened are identical.

"They say that a large, fiery meteorite fell out of the sky during a meteor shower and disappeared in a lake on the east side of the village.

"Within 15 minutes, the entire cemetery on the west side of the town had emptied — and the men, women and children who had been buried there walked into town.

"It's got to be some kind of hoax, some kind of joke," the captain added. "It just doesn't seem real."

Eyewitness Georg Graber swears that he saw the cemetery empty after the meteorite fell.

He literally burst into tears when he described the appearance of his beloved wife — who died earlier this year.

"She looked like a lumbering mummy," said Graber. "When I first saw all those dead people coming into town I thought I was going crazy.

"There were corpses and skeletons and they were in all states of decay. Their clothes were rotten and tattered and they shuffled like zombies.

"When I saw my wife I screamed. But she didn't even notice me. None of them did. They just walked until they reached the lake where the meteorite fell.

"Then they waded out into the water until it was over their heads. They literally disappeared."

Capt. Mower said 60 villagers gave similar accounts of the incident. But cops dragged the lake looking for bodies and didn't find any human remains.

"We don't know what happened to the bodies," he continued. "Personally, I don't believe that they walked out of the cemetery in spite of what these villagers are saying.

"All I know is that the graves are open and empty. And one way or another, we're going to find out what happened."

Markus Kaine, the Austrian paranormal researcher, is one of several experts who have offered to assist police in their investigations.

"I don't have any explanation for it.

"But it certainly seems have risen up out of their graves and walked away.

"There was a similar report out of India two years ago," said Kaine.

"In that incident, as many as 500 buried corpses clawed their way out of their graves after a pair of meteorites fell to Earth several miles away.

"The authorities interviewed hundreds of eyewitnesses who saw the dead people walk through a village, into a forest and disappear. Nobody ever found a trace of them.

"I don't have any explanation for it.

"But it certainly seems

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